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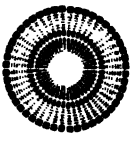

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List of Parishes and Missions,

WITH NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Arkadelphia, St. Mark's.

Arkansas City, Mission.

Batesville, St. Paul's.

Brinkley, Mission—Mr. T. H. Jackson.

Camden, St. John's—Messrs. Caleb H. Stone,* Jos. A. Reeves, Hamilton Smith.*

Dardanelle, St. Paul's.

Eureka Springs, St. James'.

Fayetteville, St. Paul's.

Forrest City, Mission of the Good Shepherd—Mr. Walter Gorman.

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Hot Springs, St. Luke's—Messrs. George G. Latta,* Richard B. Bancroft,* James P. Mellard.* *Alternates*—Walter W. Little,* Harry R. Vaughan,* Leigh Bowers.*

Lake Village, Emmanuel.

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*Not present at the Council.

LITTLE ROCK, Trinity Cathedral—Messrs. Logan H. Roots,* Robert J. Matthews,* Arthur F. Adams. *Alternates*—Geo. W. Caruth,* P. K. Roots, Fay Hempstead.*

LITTLE ROCK, Christ Church.

LITTLE ROCK, St. Philip's.

MAMMOTH SPRING, St. Andrew's.

MARIANNA, St. Andrew's—Mr. John M. Daggett.

MORRILTON, St. Agnes'.

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NEWPORT, St. Paul's—Messrs. John T. Flynn,* Chas. L. Minor,* Oran D. Watson.*

OGAMAW, Mission.

PARAGOULD, Mission.

PHILLIPS COUNTY, Grace Chapel.

PINE BLUFF, Trinity.

PRESCOTT, St. James'.

VAN BUREN, Trinity.

WASHINGTON, Grace—Messrs. Charles E. Ratcliff,* William S. Eakin,* Robert C. Bouldin.* *Alternates*—John L. Bouldin,* Frederick Wm. Ratcliff.*

WITCHERVILLE, Mission.

Services are held with more or less regularity at the following places:

Altheimer,	Rocky Comfort,	Winslow,
Huntington,	Richmond,	Bentonville,
Huntsville,	Boonsboro,	Searcy,
Fulton,	Conway,	Gurdon.

*Not present at the Council.

RECTORIES.

The following Parishes have rectories:

St. Paul's.....Batesville.
St. Paul's.....Dardanelle.
St. John's.....Fort Smith.
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
Christ Church.....Little Rock.
St. Philip's.....Little Rock.
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Sp'g.
St. Agnes'.....Morrilton.
Grace Chapel, Phillips County.
Trinity.....Van Buren.
St. John's.....Camden.
St. Paul's.....Fayetteville.
St. John's.....Helena.
St. Paul's.....Newport.
Trinity.....Pine Bluff.
Grace.....Washington.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COUNCIL.

The Twenty-First Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas assembled in St. John's Church, Helena, on the second Wednesday after Easter, April 12, 1893.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, being assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Bruce and Miller.

The Council Sermon was preached by the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., who took for his text, Acts 1, viii: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

After the service, the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

On calling the roll of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, the following were found to be present:

Bishop:

Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., LL. D.

Priests:

Rev. C. A. Bruce,	Rev. W. T. Allen,
Rev. John Davis,	Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D.,
Rev. Herbert Edwards,	Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,
Rev. W. J. Miller,	Rev. C. H. Lockwood,

Rev. D. B. Ramsay.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Bruce and Lockwood a Committee on Credentials, who reported that the fol-

lowing Lay Delegates had been duly elected and were entitled to seats in the Council:

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Little Rock—Messrs. Logan H. Roots, R. J. Matthews, A. F. Adams. Alternates, Geo. W. Caruth, P. K. Roots, Fay Hempstead.

ST. JOHN'S, Helena—Messrs. J. J. Hornor, H. M. Grant, S. S. Faulkner. Alternates, E. C. Hornor, J. C. Tappan, J. B. Pillow.

ST. LUKE'S, Hot Springs—Messrs. Geo. G. Latta, R. B. Bancroft, J. P. Mellard. Alternates, Walter W. Little, Harry R. Vaughan, Leigh Bowers.

ST. JOHN'S, Camden—Messrs. Caleb H. Stone, Jos. A. Reeves, Hamilton Smith.

ST. ANDREW'S, Marianna—Mr. John M. Daggett.

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION, Forrest City—Mr. Walter Gorman.

The Secretary calling the roll of Lay Delegates, the following answered to their names:

Mr. P. K. Roots,	Mr. S. S. Faulkner,
Mr. A. F. Adams,	Mr. J. M. Daggett,
Mr. Jno. J. Hornor,	Mr. J. A. Reeves,
Mr. H. M. Grant,	Mr. Walter Garman.

There being a quorum of both orders present, the Council proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. W. J. Miller was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, a recess was taken until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, April 12.

The Council reassembled at 3 p. m., and on being called to order the Bishop proceeded at once to read his ANNUAL ADDRESS. (See Appendix I.)

The Committee on Credentials reported that the certificates of Delegates from St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, was received, and that Parish was entitled to representation in this Council.

On motion, it was resolved that the daily business sessions of the Council begin with Morning Prayer at 9 a. m., and continue until 1 p.m.; the afternoon session to begin at 2:30 o'clock and continue until 5 p. m.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Lockwood, of the Committee on Credentials, five ($5) dollars of the back dues of the following Parishes were remitted, viz: St. Andrew's, Marianna; St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring, and St. Agnes', Morrilton.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA, ARK.,
Thursday, April 13, 1893.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. R. S. James, D. D. and the Rector of the Parish. Immediately after the service the Council was called to order by the President. The roll being called, it was found that all present yesterday were present today. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the certificate of Mr. T. H. Jackson as Delegate from the Mission at Brinkley, had been received and that he was entitled to a seat in the Council. The roll being called, Mr. Jackson answered to his name and took is seat.

The President announced the appointment of the Standing Committees, as follows:

Ways and Means.

Rev. C. H. Lockwood,
J. M. Daggett, J. A. Reeves.

New Parishes.

Rev. W. J. Miller,
S. S Faulkner, H. M. Grant.

State of the Church.

Rev. C. A. Bruce, Rev. Wallace Carnahan,
Rev. H. Edwards, P. K. Roots,
Walter Gorman.

Auditing and Finance.

J. A. Reeves, A. F. Adams.

Unfinished Business.

Rev. Wm. J. Miller,
A. F. Adams, H. M. Grant.

Constitution and Canons.

Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,
Rev. Dr. Potter, Rev. W. T. Allen,
Rev. John Davis, John J. Hornor,
J. M. Daggett, S. S. Faulkner.

On motion, the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Secretary read the following resolutions, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That for Canon IV, Title III, the following be substituted:

CANON IV.

SECTION 1. The members of the Church in the Diocese are, by their Baptism, the Missionary Society of the Diocese, and the Diocesan Council is the proper Board of Missions of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The Diocesan Council shall sit as a Board of Missions at such times as the Council shall itself determine by its rules of order, or by special vote at any time.

SEC. 3. When the Council is not in session, the missionary interests of the Diocese shall be cared for by a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, as President *ex-officio*, the General Missionary, if there be one, and three Clergymen and three Laymen, to be elected annually by the Council, sitting as the Board of Missions.

SEC. 4. The Board of Managers shall have power to regulate all matters of missionary work not ordered by the Council of the Diocese; *Provided*, That all appointments and removals of Missionaries shall be made by the Bishop alone, or, in

his absence, by the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and that no new Mission shall be opened, no old Mission abandoned, and no change made in the stipend of any particular Missionary, without the Bishop's consent.

SEC. 5. The Board of Managers shall be organized by the election of a Secretary, and its meetings shall be held not less than four times during the year.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall receive, hold and pay out funds subject to the order of the Board of Managers. His accounts shall be audited by the Council as a separate and distinct fund.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to make a report to the Board of Missions at the close of the year's work, reviewing the proceedings of the Board of Managers itself and the Missionary work of the Diocese.

SEC. 8. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people, who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also in the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions; *Provided*, However, that the General Missionary thus appointed shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a Priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings for new work.

Resolved, That Section 5, Canon I, Title III, be stricken out and Sections 6 and 7 be numbered 5 and 6.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay presented the application of St. Paul's Mission at Ogamaw, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The reports of Mr. Logan H. Roots, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund, the Disabled Clergy Fund, and of the Fund for Diocesan Missions, (See Appendix III), were read by Mr. P. K. Roots, and on motion, were referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee.

The Rev. Wallace Carnahan appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. C. H. Lockwood, as President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, read the annual report of the committee. (See Appendix II.)

On motion, the Council proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which resulted as follows:

The Standing Committee:

Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Mr. M. L. Bell,
Rev. W. J. Miller, Mr. John J. Hornor,
Rev. John Davis.

The Rev. Mr. Carnahan read the following communication from the Vestry of Christ Church, Little Rock:

To the Diocesan Council:

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church, Little Rock, Ark., held in the Parish office Friday, April 7, 1893, it was unanimously resolved:

First—That we renew our solemn protest against the admission of negro Delegates, and their use in the Council to overcome the will of the majority of white Delegates, and that we will patiently abide our time when our brethren will open the way for us, so that we can consistently send our Delegates to the Council.

Second—That the Rector be requested to present these resolutions to the Twenty-first Annual Council, to be held in the City of Helena next week.

A true copy from the minutes.

J. H. HANEY,
Acting Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Carnahan offered the following amendment to Article II of the Constitution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That Article II of the Constitution be repealed, and instead thereof the following be adopted as Article II:

There shall be a Council of the Diocese annually, at such time and place, within the Diocese, as the next previous Council shall appoint; and if any Council shall fail to appoint the time and place for the next Council, the ecclesiastical authority shall appoint the time and place.

Special Councils may be called by the ecclesiastical authority by giving sixty days notice to every Parish of the Diocese, and to every clergyman of the Diocese entitled to membership in the Council thus called.

The Council shall be composed as follows, to-wit:

Every white clergyman who (1) is canonically and actually resident in the Diocese, (2) is Rector of a Parish of the Diocese, or is doing missionary work in the Diocese under appointment and direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, and (3) is not under sentence of an ecclesiastical court of the Church. *Provided, however*, That no clergyman shall be entitled to vote at the election of a Bishop unless he has possessed the above mentioned qualifications for six months next before such election.

The laity shall be represented in Council by white Delegates, to be chosen in such manner as may be provided by canon.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall preside in Council, and in his absence the Council shall elect its President from amongst its members.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Deputies and Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention, which resulted as follows:

Deputies to the General Convention.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. C. H. Lockwood,	Mr. Logan H. Roots,
Rev. W. J. Miller,	Mr. George G. Latta,
Rev. J. J. Vaulx,	Mr. C. E. Ratcliff,
Rev. John Davis,	Mr. H. M. Grant.

Supplementary Deputies.

(In the order of their election.)

Clerical.	*Lay.*
1. Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,	1. J. A. Reeves,
2. Rev. D. B. Ramsay,	2. Mr. John H. Rogers,
3. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D.,	3. Mr. W. M. Scarborough,
4. Rev. W. T. Allen,	4. Mr. L. Minor.

The Rev. Mr. Carnahan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 3 of Canon IV, Title I, be repealed, and Section 4 of said Canon be numbered 3.

The resolution was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, a recess was taken until 4 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, April 13.

The Council reassembled at 4 p. m., and in the absence of the Bishop, the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., was elected President *pro tem.*

Mr. S. S. Faulkner read his report as Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, which, on motion, was referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee.

The Rev. C. H. Lockwood offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That Canon II, Title IV, be amended as follows: Before the first paragraph insert the words "Section 1." That a new section be added to be num bered "Section 2," and to read as follows: "Hereafter no organized Mission shall

be admitted as a Parish into union with this Council until it shall have a church-building and can show positive evidence of its ability to contribute at least $800 per annum to the support of a Rector."

The Secretary having read a communication from the Rev. W. S. Langford, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Missions, directing the attention of the Council to the change made by the late General Convention in Article IV of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society contained in Title I, Canon 7, of the Digest, by which it is made incumbent upon each Diocesan Convention to choose one Presbyter and one Layman as members of the Missionary Council, the Council proceeded to the election of such Delegates, and the Rev. D. B. Ramsay and Mr. P. K. Roots were elected.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay read the following report from the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on Constitution and Canons has carefully considered the resolution referred to it to repeal Canon IV, Title III, and substitute the accompanying Canon, viz.:

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SEC. 8. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions; *Provided*, However, that the General Missionary thus appointed shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a Priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings of new work.

We recommend that the above be adopted.

We also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, "That Section 5, Canon I, Title III, be stricken out, and Sections 6 and 7 numbered 5 and 6."

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. RAMSAY,
JOHN DAVIS,
D. S. C. M. POTTER,
R. S. JAMES,
W. T. ALLEN,
JOHN J. HORNOR,
J. M. DAGGETT,
S. S. FAULKNER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, and a vote being taken on the proposed amendments they were adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay also read the following report of the committee:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your committee also recommend the adoption of resolution proposing the repeal of Section 3, Canon IV, Title I, and that Section 4 of said Canon be numbered 3.

(Signed),

D. B. RAMSAY,
R. S. JAMES,
D. S. C. M. POTTER,
W. T. ALLEN,
JNO. J. HORNOR,
J. M. DAGGETT,
S. S. FAULKNER.

On motion, the report was received, and a vote being taken

on the amendment the section numbered 3 was repealed and Section 4 was ordered to be numbered 3.

The Rev. C. H. Lockwood, from the Committee on Credentials, stated that a promissory note, payable in sixty days, for the amount of the assessment on the Church of the Redeemer, Nashville, had been received, and moved that the Council accept the note. Adopted.

Mr. Lockwood reported that Mr. Wm. C. Rodgers had been duly elected a Delegate from the Church of the Redeemer, Nashville, and was entitled to a seat in this Council. Mr. Rodgers, answering to his name, took his seat.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA, ARK.,
Friday, April 14, 1893.

The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The opening service, consisting of the Litany, was read by the Rev. W. J. Miller. Immediately after the service the Council was called to order, and in the absence of the Bishop the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., presided. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was directed so cast the ballot for the Council for the re-election of Mr. Geo. H. Van Etten as Registrar of the Diocese.

The Rev. J. J. Vaulx appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot for the Council for the re-election of the Hon. M. L. Bell as Chancellor of the Diocese.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that on page 17 of the Journal of the Twentieth Annual Council we find the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Canons of the Diocese be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to consider and report them with such additions and amendments as will make them effective."

Also, on page 21, the following:

"*Resolved*, That any communicant who shall neglect for twelve months successively to receive the Holy Communion, having opportunity, may, at the discretion of the Rector, be stricken from the list of communicants, unless satisfactory reasons for such neglect be assigned to the Rector."

We report the above as unfinished business, for the action of this Council.

(Signed), W. J. MILLER,
H. M. GRANT,
A. F. ADAMS,
Committee.

A motion being made to lay the above resolution on the table, and the vote being called for, it was lost by the following vote: yeas 7, nays 7, the Bishop casting his vote in the negative. It was then moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and the vote being taken it was lost.

On motion that portion of the Report of the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund recommending the separation of the assessment for contingent expenses and for the Episcopate Fund, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner read the following report from the Committee on New Parishes:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on New Parishes, to whom was referred the application of the Church in Ogamaw, in the County of Ouachita, State of Arkansas, for the formation of an Organized Mission at that place, to be known as St. Paul's Mission, recommend that said application be granted.

(Signed) W. J. MILLER,
S. S. FAULKNER,
H. M. GRANT,
Committee.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Mr. John J. Hornor offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That the title of Canon XIII, Title I, be changed to read, "Of the Chancellor and Judiciary Committee of the Diocese," and add "Section 2," to read as follows: "The Council shall annually elect two Laymen, learned in the law, who, together with the Chancellor, shall constitute the Judiciary Committee of the Diocese, and of which committee the Chancellor shall be chairman."

Resolved, That Section 2, Canon VIII, Title I, be repealed.

The Rev. W. J. Miller offered the following resolution which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That the Order of Business be amended by inserting as Order No. 9 the following, "The Board of Missions shall sit at the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Council," and that the numbers of the following Orders be changed accordingly."

The Rev. J. J. Vaulx offered the following resolution which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That Title IV, Canon I, be amended by inserting after the word "elect," in the third line, these words, "from the communicants of the Parish."

On motion, leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Wallace Carnahan, at his request, at the close of this morning's session.

On motion of Mr. Walter Gorman, the determination of the place of meeting for the next Annual Council was made the order of the day at the opening of this afternoon's session.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following named persons had been duly elected as Delegates from St. Paul's Parish, Newport, and were entitled to seats in this Council: Messrs. John T. Flynn, Charles R. Minor, Oran D. Watson.

Mr. A. F. Adams read the report of the Auditing and Finance Committee, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance respectfully report that they have examined and checked the reports and papers of Mr. Logan H. Roots, Treasurer of

the Diocesan Funds, as submitted by Mr. P. K. Roots, and of Mr. S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, and find them correct and carefully kept.

The Fund for Disabled Clergy shows a small increase in the investment in building stock, but that there was expended in this cause (outside of this investment), *one hundred dollars*, while the total receipts were only $37.13, leaving the fund smaller than last year. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is only $64.43 at the present time.

The report of Mr. S. S. Faulkner shows the Episcopate Fund to be in a very encouraging condition. The total increase for the past year was $1557.58, and the funds are well invested, the natural increase from the interest and rents being over $1000 per annum. We would urge that greater efforts be made by all Parishes to make their offerings for this fund as large as possible during the ensuing year. We congratulate Mr. Faulkner on the care and interest he has shown in handling this fund.

We find the unpaid assessments due from different Parishes amount now to over *one thousand dollars*, and would respectfully recommend that some action be taken by this Council to either collect or remit the same.

(Signed) A. F. ADAMS,
J. A. REEVES,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by Mr. Walter Gorman. (See Appendix V.)

On motion, Mr. J. A. Reeves, Lay Delegate from St. John's Parish, Camden, was, at his request, excused from further attendance at the Council.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, the Secretary, on motion, was requested to cast the ballot for the Council for the re-election of Mr. S. S. Faulkner.

In the same manner Mr. Logan H. Roots was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund, of the Disabled Clergy Fund, and of the Fund for Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. John Davis moved that the Council sit at 8 o'clock this evening as the Board of Missions. Adopted.

The Rev. W. T. Allen moved that the assessment made on St. John's Church, Fort Smith, for the year 1891–92, be remitted. Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to notify all delinquent Parishes of their indebtedness, and to inquire if they

recognized their obligation to pay the assessments made on them by the Council of the Diocese.

The Rev. D. B. Ramsay read the following report from the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution to repeal Section 2, Canon VIII, Title I, and to amend Canon XIII, Title I, by changing its title to read, "Of the Chancellor and Judiciary Committee of ths Diocese," and to add a section to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. The Council shall annually elect two Laymen, learned in the law, who, together with the Chancellor, shall constitute the Judiciary Committee of the Diocese, and of which committee the Chancellor shall by chairman."

Recommend the adoption of the same by this Council.

(Signed) D. B. RAMSAY,
Chairman.

The report being received, and a vote being taken on the proposed amendments, they were adopted.

Also the following:

To the Diocesan Council:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Order of Business be amended by inserting as Order No. 9, the following: 'The Board of Missions shall sit at the afterneon session of the second day of the Annual Conncil,' and that the members of the succeeding Orders be changed accordingly."

Recommend its adoption. (Signed) D. B. RAMSEY,
Chairman.

A vote being taken on the recommendation of the committee, the proposed amendment was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Ramsay also read the following report:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Canon I, Title IV, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That Canon I, Title IV, be amended by inserting after the word 'elect,' in the third line, the words, 'from the communicants of the Parish,' and after the word 'representation' in the tenth line these words, 'and *provided*, further, that this

qualification as to Vestrymen shall not affect the eligibility to future election of any person now serving as a Vestryman.'"

(Signed) D. B. RAMSAY,
R. S. JAMES,
JOHN DAVIS,
W. T. ALLEN,
JOHN J. HORNOR,
J. M. DAGGETT,
S. S. FAULKNER,
Committee.

A vote being taken, the resolution was adopted, and the Canon amended accordingly.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay, as Cnairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, also read the following report.

To the Diocesan Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That Canon II, Title IV, be amended as follows: Before the first paragraph the words 'Section 1' be inserted; that a new section be added to be numbered 'Section 2," and to read as follows: 'Hereafter no organized Mission shall be admitted as a Parish into union with this Council until it shall have a church building and can show positive evidence of its ability to contribute at least *eight hundred ollars* per annum to the support of a Rector,"' has carefully considered the same d recommend its adoption. (Signed)

D. B. RAMSAY,
D. S. C. M. POTTER,
R. S. JAMES,
W. T. ALLEN,
JOHN J. HORNOR,
J. M. DAGGETT,
S. S. FAULKNER,
Committee.

A vote being taken, the amendment as proposed was adopted.

On motion, a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 14th.

The Council reassembled at 2:30 p. m., the Bishop presiding.

The order of the day being the place of meeting of the

Twenty-second Annual Council, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, on the second Wednesday after Easter, April 4, 1894.

Mr. A. F. Adams moved to substitute for "St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville," the words "Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock," and the vote being called for it was lost by the following vote: Ayes, 5; nays 10.

The Council voting on the original motion it was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bruce, the sum of $10 was voted to the Sexton for his services.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have 300 copies of the Journal printed.

The Rev. Dr. James moved that the sum of $50 be voted to the Secretary in recognition of his services. Adopted.

The Rev. W. T. Allen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council do hereby tender to the Rector and members of St. John's Parish and other citizens of Helena its sincere thanks for and grateful appreciation of the courteous and graceful hospitality extended to this Council.

Adopted.

On motion, a recess was taken until 8 p. m., when the Council would reassemble as the Board of Missions.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA, ARK.,
April 14, 1893.

The Council reassembled at 8 p. m., and after prayers by the Bishop, was called to order as the BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The new Missionary Canon was read and explained.

The Rev. W. T. Allen being called on, presented a plan for the support of Diocesan Missions, viz.: the formation of Parochial Missionary Societies to be composed of the Baptized, and having as their object the securing of pledges of money for the support of the missions of the Diocese to be collected

weekly or monthly and to be forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer. After a full explanation of the plan and its method of working, Major John J. Hornor moved that the Board of Missions recommend the adoption of the plan by the Board of Managers, with the request that the Board put it into immediate operation throughout the Diocese. Adopted.

Interesting addresses were made by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, the Rev. Herbert Edwards and Major Hornor, in the interests of the Missionary work of the Diocese. The Bishop also addressed the Board, pointing out how greatly the Diocese needs a General Missionary, and hoped that the proposed plan would be adopted in every Parish and Mission in the Diocese, that the money might be forthcoming wherewith a General Missionary might be appointed and supported.

The time having arrived for the election of a Board of Managers, the following Clergymen and Laymen were nominated and elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. John Davis,	Mr. Logan H. Roots,
Rev. C. H. Lockwood,	Mr. John J. Hornor,
Rev. W. T. Allen,	Mr. A. F. Adams.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Board of Missions, on motion, adjourned, to meet as the Diocesan Council Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA, ARK., April 15, 1893.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., and the Rector of the Parish. After service, the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding, The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Council indorse the action of the Board of Missions and strongly urge upon the Board of Managers to put into immediate operation the plan proposed for raising money for the support of the missionary work of the Diocese.

Adopted.

The Rev. J. J. Vaulx offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article II of the Constitution be amended by adding to the first paragraph the words, "*Provided*, That Deacons may sit in the Council and have voice in its proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote; and *Provided further*, That Lay representatives from Organized Missions shall be entitled to seats in the Council and a voice in its proceedings but shall not be entitled to vote."

On motion, the above was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the Preacher before the Twenty-second Annual Council, which resulted in the election of the Rev. Dr. Potter as Preacher, and the Rev. John Davis as alternate.

Mr. J. M. Daggett read the Report of the Committee on Ways and Means, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Appendix VI.)

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay made the following report from the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Article II of the Constitution, to-wit:

"Add to the first paragraph the words, '*Provided*, That Deacons may sit in the Council and have voice in its proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote; and *Provided further*, That Lay Representatives from Organized Missions shall be entitled to seats in the Council and a voice in its proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote;'"—

Recommend that this Council approve the amendment as proposed.

(Signed) D. B. RAMSAY,
Chairman.

A vote being taken on the proposed amendment to Article II of the Constitution, it was approved, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Miller, as acting Dean of the Little Rock Convocation, reported that he had received through the Rev. Mr. Edwards the sum of seven ($7) dollars for repairs on St.

James' Church, Prescott, and asked what disposal should be made of it.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay moved that the above sum be forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer as a special for St. James' Church, Prescott. Adopted.

The Rev. Dr. James requesting that the assessment on St. James' Parish, Eureka Springs, for the last year, be remitted, his request, on motion of the Rev. W. T. Allen, was granted.

On motion, Mr. W. G. Whipple and Mr. W. M. Mellette were unanimously elected members of the Judiciary Committee, to serve for one year.

Mr. J. M. Daggett read the following report from the Committee on Ways and Means:

To the Diocesan Council:

Owing to the late day in the session, your Committee on Ways and Means respectfully recommend that the question of separating the assessment for the contingent expenses of the Diocese from the assessment for the Episcopate Fund, as suggested in the report of the Trustee, and referred to this committee, be deferred until the next Annual Council. (Signed)

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
J. M. DAGGETT.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. James was excused, at his request, from further attendance at the Council.

On motion, the Council adjourned until after evening service on Sunday, April 16th.

FIFTH DAY.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA, ARK.,
Second Sunday after Easter, April 16, 1893.

As 7 a. m., the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, the Rector of the Parish being celebrant.

At 11 a. m., there was a second celebration, the Bishop be-

ing celebrant. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. T. Allen, Rector of St. John's Church, Fort Smith.

At 8 p. m., there was evening service and sermon, the Bishop preaching, taking for his subject "The So-called Exclusiveness and Bigotry of the Episcopal Church."

Immediately after the service the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council hereby directs the Treasurer of the Diocese, after paying the costs of printing and distributing the Journal of Proceedings, to transfer to the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund whatever, if any, Diocesan funds are remaining in his hands, excepting and reserving only $50 for incidental expenses, and such additional amount as the President of the Standing Committee may estimate will be required for paying expenses of clerical members attending meetings of such committee.

Adopted.

There being no further business, the Council, on motion, after prayers by the Bishop, adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY NILES PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

W. J. MILLER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity:

I welcome you to your seats in the Twenty-first Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas. I am sorry not to see here today some that I met at the last Council. I am thankful that death has made no break in our ranks. But I grieve that various circumstances have led to the diminishing of our clerical force. Since our last Council the Rev. Joshua Brown Whaling has resigned his position as Canon of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Nebraska. The Rev. Wm. Jones has resigned the Rectorate of St. Paul's Church, Batesville, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Kentucky. The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers has resigned his temporary charge of St. Paul's Church, Newport, and removed to the Diocese of Ohio. The Rev. Innes O. Adams, after thirteen years of residence and efficient work in Arkansas, has resigned the Rectorate of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Alabama. The Rev. David F. McDonald, D. D., whose name has stood on our Clergy list for several years, though he was not residing in this State, has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Albany. Thus our Clergy list has lost five names, and the Diocese four active workers, during the year past. But if we have losses to sadden us, we have not been without gains to cheer us. Soon after the close of the Twentieth Council, the Rev. D. B. Ramsay, after some years' absence from this Diocese, wherein he received priest's orders, and labored for awhile with marked success, has, to my great satisfaction, returned to us on Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Ken-

tucky, and is infusing new life and vigor into the Parish of St. John's, Camden. The Rev. William T. Allen, bringing Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Alabama, has become Rector of St. John's Church, Fort Smith, and I am confident that under his energetic and zealous administration, that noble old Parish, so full of good works, will advance even beyond the high position that it has long held. I am glad to know that the Rector of St. John's will work steadily towards the erection of a much needed and larger new Church. The Rev. John Davis has been received on Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Missouri, and has become Dean of Trinity Cathedral. His accession has given great satisfaction to all of the congregation as well as to myself. Though he has been in his position barely a month, the Cathedral is exhibiting many signs of new life. He enters on his labors under many favorable auspices, and I believe that under his Deanship the Cathedral enters upon a new and most hopeful era. To all of these brethren I extend a most cordial welcome. I pray God that the Parishes yet vacant may be filled by workmen as good and as true.

I am no little troubled on account of these vacancies. Trinity Church, Van Buren, has remained without a pastor for more than sixteen months. Efforts have been made both by the Vestry and by myself to secure a Rector, but so far without success. The last call, made but a few weeks since, has been declined. I trust another trial may be made at once. St. Paul's Church, Batesville, and St. Paul's Church, Newport, have become vacant much more recently. For the present emergency I have advised that they both be placed under one pastor. These fields are very promising. By uniting their forces, they can offer such a salary as ought to secure an able, devoted, energetic priest, and I am confident that such a man would, with God's blessing, be able in two or three years to build up into strong Parishes both of these fields, already so full of life and so full of promise. I am glad to add that at both of these points the services are regularly kept up by lay readers. The vacancy at Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, is of so recent origin

that no time has been afforded to fill it. I trust that this very important Parish may not be long left without a Rector.

Besides these vacancies in well-known Parishes, we have to lament the paralyzed condition in which have been left several points at which the Church had already planted herself, or taken many steps in that direction. Of these, in some respects the most important is St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring which I with no little hesitancy place in this category, for there is still much life and energy there. Till lately a clergyman had charge of this Parish in conjunction with a neighboring Parish in the Diocese of Missouri. Sometimes the clergyman remained canonically and actually in Missouri; sometimes in Arkansas. That arrangement seems to be now impracticable, and St. Andrew's, too poor to support a minister, has been for months without pastoral care. There is a Church and a Rectory. With a few hundred dollars aid for a short term of years it might become a self-supporting Parish. But unless the contributions to our Diocesan Missions are more liberal I see no source from whence to draw these few hundred dollars. If the eastern and middle Deaneries would unite their forces and place in the field a Missionary, who could have his home at Mammoth Spring, and vist regularly Black Rock, Portia, Hoxie, Walnut Ridge, Jonesboro, Nettleton, Paragould and various other stations on the Kansas City & Memphis, the Iron Mountain, the Iron Mountain & Helena, and the Cotton Belt Railroads, this Parish would be saved from dying out, and the seeds of many other Parishes would be planted.

Till lately St. James' Church, Prescott, might be reckoned among dead Parishes, but the Rev. Palin Saxby has been recently giving it frequent and regular visits, and he reports it as now rapidly reviving. At Arkadelphia, where we had the shell of a Church, there seems to be utter lifelessness. At Lake Village there was completed and furnished a neat little Church. It is dead. A few years tince I tried to unite Lake Village, Monticello and Arkansas City (where there was a most promising work in progress), under one Missionary. I

should have succeeded had it not been for officious and uncalled for intermeddling on the part of others. This prevented concert of action by the Churchmen in the three places, and nothing is being done in either of them.

The Church at Dardanelle is a similar case. There is hardly a Church family there. But it can be revived. It is hardly worse off now than it was when I began there with nothing more than twenty years ago. It is not so bad off now, with its beautiful little Church. Raise but a thousand or twelve hundred dollars for Diocesan Missions and we can sustain the Parishes that are tottering and plant new ones yearly.

Meanwhile much can be done with the means already at command.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay has lately broken new ground in a town about twenty miles from Camden, and he begins under most favorable auspices. I am informed that the Rector of St. John's, Helena, has started a mission near the city, but of the particulars I am not informed. The Rev. Mr. Allen will soon begin a similar work a few miles south of Fort Smith. The Rev. Mr. Vaulx has been for years doing missionary work around Fayetteville, doing it regularly and persistently, and with good results, and I have now placed the Church at Winslow under his pastoral care. A few years ago Dr. Dunlop and family moved from Fort Smith to Winslow, on the top of Boston Mountain; they soon opened a Sunday school, now they have a small Church, not finished yet, but so far completed that it can be opened for services. I was there March 16th and 17th. The Rev. Mr. Vaulx baptized three adults and twelve children, and I confirmed five persons. To state these facts is sufficient. Mr. Vaulx planted St. James' Church, Eureka Springs. The Church at Nashville and the Church at Morrilton were planted from the Cathederal. So far as human instrumentality goes the Parish at Dardanelle was of my own planting. Bishop Otey many years before had made the town one visit, except him no Clergyman of the Church had ever officiated there, when I held a series of services, baptized and

confirmed there, and for several years I was its only Pastor. I mention these facts, and many of like kind remain unmentioned, to show what can be done with but little exertion, and I mention them, too, to emphasize the following declaration: *No Parish should be without an outlying mission to which it gives its fostering care.*

And what is true of Parishes is equally true of individual Churchmen. Communicants of the Church, however isolated, should not remain without her services. Every Layman has his Prayer Book, and has also the right to use it. If there is no public services of hers to attend, let him, or her gather as large a congregation of friends as can be obtained, and at least on Sundays, read the service for the day. Let him or her teach others the use of the Prayer Book, and invite them to join in the worship. Every one has the right to act as a Lay Reader, and requires no license from the Bishop to do so. Instead of waiting and waiting for the services of the Church to be brought to them, let Churchmen everywhere extend her holy benefits to others. Let each communicant become a missionary to his neighbors. This is the way to extend the Church and spread the truth.

But we return to a consideration of some favorable signs of progress. Two more Churches are freed from debt and are now awaiting consecration: St. Mark's, at Hope, and St. Agnes', at Morrilton. A guild hall is being completed by the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville. The Cathedral has been adorned by a large window, a memorial to Mr. Winne, our late organist. The debts on Christ Church, Little Rock; on St. Luke's, Hot Springs, and on Trinity Cathedral, are held well in hand and are steadily advancing towards liquidation. Doubtless the same may be said of St. John's Church, Helena, but I speak here not from direct information, but from my knowledge of the able manner in which the affairs of that Parish are conducted; though it may be that the debt is about what it was last year, since the Rectory has been recently much enlarged. It gives me great pleasure to announce here that

during the past year Mrs. W. E. Moore has contributed $1500, and other parties $100, and Major John J. Hornor has given a lot containing a square acre. These gifts are preliminary to the erection of an orphans' home, which is to bear the name of a sainted soul now in Paradise, and to be called the Ophelia Polk Moore Orphanage. I thank God for all this.

Most of our Parishes are out of debt, and in a few years, I trust, all of them will be.

The growth of the Episcopate Endowment Fund is an item worthy of your serious attention. This matter is one of the utmost importance. I am now approaching the close of my 73d year. If God spares my life a few years longer, I cannot expect to retain the vigorous health with which I have been hitherto blessed. The time will come, and may come soon, when you will be called upon to choose my successor, or one to share my labors. You must be preparing for either of these contingencies, one of which must ere many years become a certainty.

For the immediate present I neither complain of the burden nor ask for relief. But I can make no pledges for a future either more remote or close at hand. I have already passed the age beyond which we are told all is labor and sorrow. I know well what both are, yet I still have much to thank God for, which is far from being sorrow. I am considering myself far less than I am you and the welfare of the Diocese when I exhort you to increase to the requisite amount the endowment of the Episcopate. I add another to the many warnings I have given you on this subject. Since the danger of your being well-nigh crushed by a heavy burden becomes yearly more imminent.

It is now two years since, acting under the canon relating to the matter, I divided the Diocese into three Convocations. Owing to several untoward circumstances, the results of this action have not been all that we hoped for, though, perhaps, all that we could reasonably expect. I am confident that the step then taken was a wise one, and I trust that its wisdom

will be evidenced by abundant fruits in due time. All of the Convocations are now weak. But as the number of our Clergy and of our Parishes becomes larger they will grow stronger, more active and more efficient. All missionary work in Arkansas will soon be conducted under their auspices. I have some plans relative to this matter and some suggestions as to the manner of working, which I propose to lay before you in a less formal way. Although it might have been introduced in an earlier connection, I must not omit to mention a cheering event, which, I think, may be looked upon as the outgrowth of our convocational system. Very recently The Very Reverend, The Dean of the Helena Convocation, and the Rev. C. A. Bruce, visited the thriving Town of Brinkley and held services for several days. The result of their labor was the formation of a very promising Organized Mission, bearing the name of St. Luke. This Mission has already yielded its first fruits, for on Saturday night last I confirmed there a very interesting class of seven persons. The newly organized Parish at Forrest City is about to erect a church on the good foundation laid on the 24th day of May last. The little band of earnest workers there are *worthy not only* of all praise, but also of substantial aid from this Diocese and from the Church at large.

As this address has been prepared at such odd moments as I could snatch during my travels and visitations, it cannot be otherwise than very imperfect. Doubtless I have omitted many things that ought to find a place here. But I am obliged to present it to you with all of its defects. I have now time only to append to these hurried remarks a brief

ABSTRACT OF MY JOURNAL.

The abstract of my journal presented to the Twentieth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas closed with April 27, 1892.

April 28, Thursday: At 10:30 a. m., in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I said the Communion Office, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx reading the Epistle, and the Rev. C. A. Bruce reading the Gospel. I read my Annual *Address* and *celebrated the Holy*

Eucharist. After the service the Twentieth Annual Council of this Diocese was called to order and organized. I presided during the day. At night I attended Evening Prayer and took some little part in the discussion on lay co-operation in Church work, which immediately followed.

April 29, Friday: At 9:30 a. m. I attended Morning Prayer and Litany Service, and presided in the Council all day.

April 30, Saturday: I presided in the Council all day. At night I attended a reception given to the Council by "The King's Daughters" and spent a delightful evening.

May 1, Sunday: The second after Easter and the Feast of St. Philip and St. James. At 11 a. m. in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I said the *Communion Office*, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx reading the Epistle, and the Rev. C. A. Bruce the Gospel. Mr. Bruce preached, I consecrated the altar cloths and linen. The choir-railing and the very large and beautiful west window—all memorial offerings and made an *address*, after which I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bruce. At 8 p. m. I attended Evening Prayer and *confirmed* one person (one female), after which followed a missionary meeting, at which I presided and made the closing *address*. The Council was then called to order and adjourned *sine die*.

May 8, Sunday: The third after Easter, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service and *preached*. At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

May 15, Sunday: The fourth after Easter, at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. In the afternoon I said Evening Prayer, *preached* and *baptized* an infant.

May 19, Thursday: I this day gave my canonical consent to the sale of the Church lot in Prescott and to the removal of the Church to a more eligible situation.

May 22, Sunday: The fifth after Easter, at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer and *preached*.

May 24, Tuesday: At 11 a. m., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bruce and by the Masonic Lodge, I *laid the corner stone of the Church* of the Good Shepherd, at Forrest City. Rev. C. A. Bruce made the address. At 8 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church, at Forrest City, Ark., I *preached* and *confirmed* two persons (one male, one female) and *addressed* the class.

May 26, Thursday: Ascension Day, at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *lectured* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

May 29, Sunday: After Ascension, at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer and *preached.*

June 5, Sunday: Whitsunday, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tennessee, I *preached.* At 7:30 p. m. I *preached* again.

June 6, Monday: I attended Morning Prayer in Study Hall, Columbia Institute. Made an *address* and presented the medals to the pupils.

June 8, Wednesday: At 10:30 in the Opera House, Columbia, Tennessee, I attended the Commencement Exercises of the Columbia Institute, *addressed* the graduating class and delivered the diplomas. Attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

June 11, Saturday: St. Barnabas' Day, at 10:30 a. m., I attended at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St. Peter's Church, and received the Holy Communion.

June 12, Sunday: Trinity Sunday, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tennessee, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Metcalf, I said the Communion Office, *preached,* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:45 p. m. I *preached* again.

June 19, Sunday: The first after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, I said the Litany and *preached.*

June 26, Sunday: The second after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I *preached.*

June 29, Wednesday: In St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *joined in holy matrimony* John Marshall Keith and Miss Anna Catharine Thompson.

July 3, Sunday: The third after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, I said the Communion Office, *preached*, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 5 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 6, Wednesday: At 7:45 a. m., I attended Morning Prayer in St. Paul's Church.

July 10, Sunday: The fourth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *baptized* one infant, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Canon Whaling. At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 17, Sunday: The fifth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., I assisted in saying the Morning Service in Trinity Cathedral. At 5 p. m. I *preached*.

July 24, Sunday: The sixth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Canon Whaling. At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 28, Thursday: At 9 a. m., in St. Augustine's Chapel, at Sewanee, Tennessee, I *preached*, and received the Holy Communion, at the opening service at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South. Attended the Board all day.

July 29 and 30: Attended the sessions of the Board.

July 31, Sunday: The seventh after Trinity, I attended Service, Morning and Evening, in St. Augustine's Chapel, Sewanee, and heard two excellent Sermons, the Baccalaureate Sermon, by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of Georgia, in the morning, and the Missionary Sermon, by the Rev. Dr. Magill, of Rhode Island, at night.

August 1, Monday: Attending the meetings of the Board.

August 2, Tuesday: As yesterday.

August 3, Wednesday: At the Board all day.

August 4, Thursday: Commencement Day. At 9 a. m, at

the meeting of the Board; at 10:30, at the Commencement Exercises.

August 7, Sunday: The eighth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I assisted in saying Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 14, Sunday: The ninth after Trinity, at 7 a. m., in Grace Church, Memphis, Tennessee, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 11 a. m., in the same Church, I *preached.* At 8 p. m., I *preached* in Calvary Church, Memphis.

August 21, Sunday: The tenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *preached,* and assisted by Canon Whaling, *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Paayer.

August 24, Wednesday: St. Bartholomew's Day, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *lectured* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 28, Sunday: The eleventh after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, assisted by the Rev. Palin Saxby and the Rev. Herbert Edwards, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

August 29, Monday: At night I presided in a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter.

September 4, Sunday: The twelfth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

September 7, Wednesday: I this day accepted the *Letters Dimissory* from the Diocese of Alabama, presented by the Rev. William T. Allen.

September 11, Sunday: The thirteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., I said the Litany and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer and *baptized* an infant.

September 18, Sunday: The fourteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service,

preached and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

September 24, Saturday: I this day gave *Letters Dimissory* to the Rev. Joshua Brown Whaling, transferring him to the Diocese of Nebraska.

September 25, Sunday: The fifteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

September 29, Thursday: St. Michael and All Angels, attended Morning Service at 10 a. m. in St. Paul's Church, Newport, Ark. In the same Church, at 8 p. m., I *joined in holy matrimony* Robert L. Bennett and Miss Kate Minor Watson.

October 2, Sunday: The sixteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

October 4, Tuesday: I presided at a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter.

October 5, Wednesday: I gave my canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Kinsolving, to be Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Texas.

October 9, Sunday: The seventeenth after Trinity, I attended Morning Service in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md.

October 10 to 15, inclusive: I attended the sessions of the House of Bishops.

October 16, Sunday: The eighteenth after Trinity, at 10:30 a. m., in St. Michael's Church, St. Michaels, Md., in the Diocese of Easton, after Morning Prayer, said by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Chesley, I said the Ante-Communion and *preached.* At 2 p. m. I *preached* in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, at Claiborne, at 7:30 p. m. I *preached* again in St. Michael's Church.

October 19, Wednesday: Attended in morning the House of Bishops, and in evening the Board of Missions.

October 20, Thursday: The House of Bishops.

October 21, Friday: Attended the sessions of the House of Bishops.

October 23, Sunday: The nineteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Metuchen, New Jersey, I *preached* after Morning Service said by the Rector, The Rev. Mr. Roche.

October 30, Sunday: The twentieth after Trinity, I attended Morning Service in Christ Church, Norwich, Conn. A severe cough and hoarseness prevented my accepting an invitation to officiate.

November 1, Tuesday: All Saints' Day, I attended Morning Service in Christ Church, Norwich, and received the Holy Communion.

November 6, Sunday: The twenty-first after Trinity, at 11 a. m. in the Church of the Epiphany, Elmwood, Providence, Rhode Island, assisted by the Rector, The Rev. Henry Bassett, I said the Communion Office, *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:30 p. m. I *preached* again.

November 13, Sunday: The twenty-second after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and Communion Office, *read* the Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

November 20, Sunday: The next before Advent, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

November 24, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service and *preached.* After the service, in the same Church, I *joined in holy matrimony* Mr. Josiah T. Middleton and Mrs. Mary Gordon.

November 27, Sunday: The first in Advent, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 2 p. m. I *preached* in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock. At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer in the Cathedral.

December 4, Sunday: The second in Advent, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion and *preached.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

December 11, Sunday: The third in Advent, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 2 p. m. I *preached* in St. Philip's Church. At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer in the Cathedral.

December 14, Wednesday: In Grace Church, Washington, Ark., at 12 noon, I *joined in holy matrimony* the Rev. Joshua Brown Whaling and Miss Alice H. Beardsley. At 3 p. m., in St. Augustine's School, Washington, I offered appropriate prayers and made an *address.* The Very Rev. William J. Miller, Dean of the Little Rock Convocation, and the Rev. Palin Saxby, successively addressed the congregation assembled. At 7:30 p. m., in Grace Church, I *confirmed* two persons (1 male, 1 female) and *addressed* the class. After appropriate prayers said by Dean Miller, a Missionary Meeting was held and addresses were made by the Dean, the Rev. Palin Saxby, and by Mr. William Eakin. I presided and closed the meeting with an *address*, prayers and the Benediction.

December 18, Sunday: The fourth in Advent, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion, and *preached.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

December 23, Friday: At 3 p. m. I *officiated at a funeral* in Little Rock.

December 25, Sunday: Christmas Day, at 9 a. m. in St. Philip's Church, I said the Communion Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I said the Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

December 27, Tuesday: St. John's Day, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *lectured* on the day and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

December 28, Wednesday: Holy Innocents, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* in the Cathedral at 11 a. m.

January 1, 1893, Sunday: The Circumcision, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Prayer and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Communion.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

January 6, Friday: The Epiphany, in Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas, I took part in the Consecration of Rev. Francis Key Brooke, D. D., Bishop-elect of Oklahoma. The Bishop of Missouri, the Bishop of Kansas and myself constituted the Commission. I read the Gospel and administered the Chalice.

January 8, Sunday: The first after Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Ark., I *preached.* At 4 p. m. I *preached* again.

January 13, Friday: I this day gave *Letters Dimissory* to the Rev. Dr. David F. MacDonald, transferring him to the Diocese of Albany.

January 14, Saturday: This day I gave *Letters Dimissory* to the Rev. William Jones, transferring him to the Diocese of Kentucky.

January 15, Sunday: The second Sunday after Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I said Fvening Prayer.

January 22, Sunday: The third after Epiphany, at 11 a .m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, said the Morning Prayer and Communion Office, *preached,* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

January 29, Sunday: Septuagesima, in the Cathedral, Little Rock, at 11 a. m., I said Morning Prayer and the Ante-Communion, and *preached.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

January 31, Tuesday: I *administered the Holy Communion* in private to a sick person.

February 5, Sunday: Sexagesima, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and Communion Office,

preached and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At evening I said Evening Prayer.

February 11, Saturday: I assisted in saying the Burial Service in Christ Church, Little Rock.

February 12, Sunday: Quinguagesima, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, I said the Litany and Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

February 15, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the full Morning Service and made an *address.* At 4 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

February 19, Sunday: The first in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs. The Rev.Wm. J. Miller, Rector, said the Ante-Communion. I read the Gospel, *preached,* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist,* assisted by the Rector. At 8 p. m., after Evening Prayer, said by the Rector, I *preached* and *confirmed* eight persons (2 males, 6 females), and *addressed* the class.

February 22, Tuesday: I *officiated* at a funeral in Little Rock.

February 26, Sunday: The second in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Camden, I said the Communion Office, the Rector, the Rev. D. B. Ramsay, reading the Epistle. I *preached* and *confirmed* seven persons (3 males, 4 females); *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At night I *preached* again.

March 1, Wednesday: This day I accepted the *Letters Dimissory* from the Diocese of Missouri, presented by the Rev. John Davis.

March 5, Sunday: The third in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I said the Communion Office, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Allen, *preached* and *confirmed* five persons (one male, four females) and *addressed* the class, then, assisted by the Rector, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4:30 p. m., I *confirmed* in private one person (one female). At night I *preached* in the same church.

March 6, Monday: I *confirmed* in private two persons (one male, one female).

March 12, Sunday: The fourth in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, I said the Communion office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. At 4.30 p. m., I *preached* and *confirmed* ten persons (four males, six females) and *addressed* the class. Though the Rector was holding two, and on Wednesday and Fridays three services daily, my state of health forbade my attending any but the Sunday services.

March 14, Tuesday: At 7:30 p. m., in St. James' Church, Eureka Springs, after Evening Prayer said by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. James, I *preached* and *confirmed* eight persons (one male, seven females) and *addressed* the class.

March 16, Thursday: At 7:30 in the newly built Church, as yet unnamed, at Winslow, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx baptized three adults and seven children, and I *preached*, *confirmed* five persons (one male, four females) and *addressed* the class.

March 17, Friday: At 10 a. m., in the Church at Winslow, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, and Mr. Vaulx baptized five children. At 4:30 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *confirmed* one person (one male). This makes nine confirmed for this Parish. At 7:30 I *preached* in the same Church.

March 19, Sunday: The fifth in Lent, at 11 a. m. in St. Agnes' Church, Morrilton, after Morning Prayer said by Rector, the Rev. Dr. Potter, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. At 3:30 p. m. I *preached* again. A serious illness has prevented Dr. Potter's preparing a class for confirmation.

March 21, Tuesday: At 5 p. m., after Evening Prayer said by the Dean, the Very Rev. John Davis, I *lectured* in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

March 22, Wednesday: At 5 p. m. I said the Litany in the Cathedral.

March 23, Thursday: At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer an *lectured* in the Cathedral.

March 26, Sunday: The sixth in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St Mark's Church, Hope, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Pali Saxby, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrate the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:45 p. m. the Rev. Mr. Saxby sai Evening Prayer, and I *preached, confirmed* four persons (2 male and 2 females), and *addressed* the class.

March 28, Tuesday: In Holy Week, at 4 p. m., I attende Evening Prayer in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs. At 8 p. m in the same Church, I *preached, confirmed* five persons (5 fe males) and *addressed* the class.

March 30, Thursday: In Holy Week, in St. Paul's Churcl Batesville, at 7:30 p. m., I said Evening Prayer and *preachec*

March 31, Friday: Good Friday, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul' Church Batesville, I said full Morning Service, *baptized* tw infants and *preached.* At 7:30 p. m. in St. Paul's Church, New port, I said Evening Prayer and *preached.*

April 2, Sunday: Easterday at 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathe dral, Little Rock, after Morning Prayer said by the Ver Rev. John Davis, I said the Communion Office, *preached* an *celebrated the Holy Eucharist,* assisted by the Dean. At 5 p m., in the Cathedral, I *confirmed* five persons, (one male an four females) and *addressed* the class. At 7:30 p. m., at Chris Church, Little Rock, *preached, confirmed* twenty-one persor (six males and fifteen females) and *addressed* the class.

April 3, Monday: In Easter week I this day gave *Le ters Dimissory* to the Rev. Innes O. Adams, transferring hi to the Diocese of Alabama. At 8 p. m. in St. Paul's Churcl Newport, I *preached, confirmed* three persons (one male an two females) and *addressed* the class.

April 3, Tuesday: In Easter week, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul Church, Newport, I *baptized* an infant, *preached* and *celebrate the Holy Eucharist,* after which I presided at the Easter-tid meeting of the congregation.

April 5, Wednesday: At 3 p. m. I attended a meeting

the Lady's Guild at Mammoth Spring. At 7:30 I said Evening Prayer and *preached* in St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring.

April 6, Thursday: In St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring, at 11 a. m., I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:30 p. m. I *preached* again. After services I presided at a meeting of the Vestry.

April 8, Saturday: At 10 a. m., in the Presbyterian Church, Brinkley, after Morning Prayer, said by the Rev. C. A. Bruce, I *preached.* At 8 p. m. I *preached, confirmed* seven persons (2 male, 5 female) and *addressed* the class.

April 9, Sunday: The first after Easter, at 2 p. m., in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, Rev. C. A. Bruce baptized two infants. I *preached, confirmed* four persons (1 male, 3 female) and *addressed* the class. This service was held at an unusual hour on account of our inability to reach Marianna in time for morning service. At 8 p. m., in the Presbyterian Church at Forrest City, I *preached, confirmed* three persons (2 male, 1 female) and *addressed* the class.

April 11, Tuesday: At 8 p. m., in St. John's Church, Helena, I *preached, confirmed* eighteen persons (10 male, 8 female) and *addressed* the class.

To this abstract of my journal, which I have made as brief as possible, I add for the convenience of reference, a still more condensed

SUMMARY.

Sermons preached	81
Addresses	31
Eucharists celebrated	44
Baptisms (infants)	6
Confirmations	122
Marriages	4
Funerals	2
Letters Dimissory given	5
Letters Dimissory accepted	3
Miles traveled	10,557

Brethren, I cannot close this address without saying that I am glad the work of revising the Prayer Book is at an end. On the whole the Church in this land has gained no little by some of the changes made. Though I am sorry that our branch of the Church has allowed to pass unimproved more than one golden opportunity of making still further advances towards absolute catholicity—advances which duty will compel her sooner or later to make—I can yet thank God that so little harm has been done and so much good has been accomplished in this protracted effort to enrich our worship of Almighty God. I beg you to faithfully use the improved Prayer Book. Had the revision been more wisely conducted, we might have attained better results and in a shorter time. But as it now stands, we have one of the best Prayer Books that the Christian world has ever seen. The new hymnal, as it comes at last from the Commission, I have, as yet, found no time to carefully examine, and unless it is much better than the proposed book laid before the last General Convention, it is no improvement on what we already had. I shall therefore continue to use the old hymnal for the ensuing three years, as we are amply authorized to do. I am fast coming to the conviction that we had better follow the example of the Church in England and leave the whole question of hymnody an open one. The evils which might possibly follow such a course would not, as some suppose, be without remedy, for I presume to say that a man can be disciplined for singing heresy as well as for teaching it. If the General Convention would give us a collection of hymns as nearly perfect in all respects as they can be found or be made, and not exceeding 300 in number, and then allow the free use of other hymns, I think our Communion would be satisfied. That it will rest content with the present hymnal I neither hope nor desire. I am heartily sorry that the whole matter was not left just where it was for three, six or nine years longer rather than fasten upon us even for awhile a book so open to criticism in many respects as this, even on a cursory examination, seems to be. The old hymnals you have, or can now obtain very

cheaply, and I advise you to make no change till the close of the next General Convention. But let every one follow his own judgment. I give you my advice simply.

There are many other topics of Diocesan, national and general interest, which might be, perhaps, not unprofitably discussed. But an annual address to a Diocesan Council has properly narrow limits. I will not, therefore, trespass any further on the time much needed for your deliberations.

I pray that the Holy Ghost may be present with you and guide you into such harmonious action as may be well pleasing to the Giver of all good gifts. Remember that where the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ is, there is liberty, but that this liberty is exercised under the guidance of love; that love which beareth all things, hopeth all things, thinketh no evil, is not easily provoked, and abideth forever. Greater than faith, greater than hope, is charity.

HENRY NILES PIERCE,

Bishop of Arkansas.

APPENDIX II.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Twenty-first Annual Council:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese beg leave to submit the following report:

April 30, 1892. The committee met in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, and organized by electing the Rev. Innes O. Adams, President, and Mr. P. K. Roots, Secretary.

August 17, 1892. The committee met in Pine Bluff, and accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. P. K. Roots as a member of the Standing Committee and Secretary of the same. At this meeting the Rev. W. J. Miller was elected Secretary, and Major J. J. Hornor was elected a member of the Standing Committee to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. P. K. Roots. Also, approved the bond of Mr. S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Episcopate Fund. The committee gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. George H. Kinsolving, as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Texas. Consent was also given to the Diocese of Oregon to elect an Assistant Bishop.

March 16, 1893. The committee met in the City of Little Rock. Consent was given to the Vestry of Trinity Parish, Pine Bluff, to mortgage the inside sixty feet of the Rectory lot, to secure loan, not to exceed four hundred dollars, to pay indebtedness of said Vestry. The Rev. I. O. Adams informed the committee that he was about to leave the Diocese, and tendered his resignation as President of the committee, and as a member of the committee. His resignation was accepted, and the Rev. C. H. Lockwood elected President for the unexpired term.

April 12, 1893. The committee met in the City of Helena, and gave its canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Frederick R. Graves, to be the Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Shanghai, China. Consent was also given to the consecration of the Rev. John McKim to be the Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Yeddo, Japan.

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
President.

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

DIOCESAN FUND.

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1892, balance on hand		$ 558 70
Feb. 23, 1893, St. John's, Camden (2 assessments)		25 00
April 8, St. John's, Camden		10 00
" 12, St. Andrew's, Mammoth Springs		10 00
" St. Agnes, Morrilton		10 00
" St. Andrew's, Marianna		15 00
" St. Luke's, Hot Springs		50 00
" St. John's, Fort Smith		100 00
" Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock		100 00
" St. John's, Helena		100 00
" St. Paul's, Newport		15 00
" Grace Church, Washington		10 00
" St. Paul's, Fayetteville		50 00
(I also hold note of Palin Saxby for $10, which he personally gave for the Diocesan assessment against the Parish of Nashville.)		
Total		$1053 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 11, 1892, Honorarium to W. J. Miller, Secretary	$100 00	
Allowance of Council for Janitor	10 00	
June 25, 500 copies Journal of the Council	99 00	
July 2, Expenses distributing Journals	10 80	
Aug. 18, C. H. Lockwood, expense, order Standing Committee	10 85	
" 29, W. J. Miller, expense, order Standing Committee	6 00	
" S. S. Faulkner, Trustee Episcopate Fund	222 05	
Oct. 19, General Convention expenses	48 00	
March 14, 1893, W. J. Miller, expressage and postage	6 28	
" 16, Innes O. Adams, expenses, order Standing Committee	2 00	
" C. H. Lockwood, expenses, order Standing Committee	10 00	$524 98
Balance on hand		$ 528 72

FUND FOR DISABLED CLERGY, ETC.

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1892, balance on hand	$ 82	30
Nov. 21, St. Paul's, Newport	3	00
" St. Luke's, Hot Springs	10	28
April 8, 1893, St. John's, Helena	21	15
" 12, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	2	70
Total	$ 119	43

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 10, 1893, Monthly dues to Building Association since last report, 12 months at $5	$ 60	00
Balance on hand	$ 59	43

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1892, balance on hand	$ 39	52
June 14, St. Luke's, Hot Springs	60	53
Nov. 17, Junius T. Smith	12	50
Feb. 21, 1893, St. Philip's, Little Rock		80
" 25, St. Mark's, Hope	3	55
" St. Agnes, Morrilton	2	25
March 1, Junius T. Smith	6	25
" 29, Grace Church, Washington		70
April 21, St. John's, Fort Smith	7	45
Total	$ 133	55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 4, 1892, Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce	$ 50	00	
Dec. 8, Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce	50	00	
Apl. 24, 1893, Rev. Herbert Edwards	25	90	—$100 00
Balance on hand			$ 7 65

All of which are respectfully submitted.

LOGAN H. ROOTS,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF S. S. FAULKNER, TRUSTEE OF EPISOPATE FUND, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 12, 1893.

To cash received from N. B. Trulock.....		$ 693 64
Pine Bluff Property:		
Rent for April, 1892.....	$ 18 00	
Rent for May to Jan., inclusive, 1893.	306 00	
Rent for February and March, 1893.	36 00—	$ 360 00
Assets Received from N. B. Trulock:		
Rent note.....	11 50	
M. L. Bell, interest.....	100 00	
Bishop Pierce	10 00—	121 50
Logan H. Roots, Treas. of Diocese..		222 05
Little Rock Building and Loan Association, Series No. 5, matured...		1,000 00
Interest Account:		
Bishop Pierce	40 00	
From short loans.....	27 50—	67 50
Donations:		
Grace Church, Washington....	19 65	
St. Mark's Church, Hope	16 35	
St. Paul's Church, Newport.....	7 75	
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.....	42 55	
St. Mark's Church, Hope.....	23 25	
St. John's Church, Helena.....	36 70	
Grace Church, Washington.....	25 75	
St. John's Church, Fort Smith.....	01	
Mrs. Anna Beardsley.....	5 00	
Mrs. S. E. Albert	3 00	
P. K. Roots.....	5 00—	185 01
		$2,649 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Building and Loan Association Dues:		
Little Rock, Series No. 7, eleven months at $30.....	$ 330 00	
Little Rock, Series No. 7, for April, 1893	20 00	
Little Rock, Series No. 13, sixteen months at $5.....	80 00	

Little Rock, Series No 13, premium paid	2 00	
Peoples Building and Loan Association, forty-eight months at $25	1,200 00	
Peoples Building and Loan Association, premium on same	26 40—	$1,658 40
Pine Bluff Property:		
Repairs, insurance, taxes, water and expense, as per vouchers 1 to 14, inclusive	109 65	
Permanent improvements	71 00—	180 65
Sundry Expenses:		
Transfer fees, B. and L. stock	3 25	
Printing circulars	4 00	
Stamps and envelopes	8 25—	15 50
Cash on hand		795 15
		$2,649 70

PRESENT VALUE OF FUND.

Building and Loan Stock:			
Little Rock, Series No. 7, paid in	$1,040 00;	worth	$1,375 00
Little Rock, Series No. 13, paid in	80 00;	worth	85 00
Helena, Peoples, paid in	1,200 00;	worth	1,425 00
Bills Receivable:			
L. E. Cheek, note, face	$1,000 00;	worth	$1,095 00
M. L. Bell, note, face	1,000 00;	worth	1,092 00
A. B. Grace, note, face	1,000 00;	worth	1,100 00
H. N. Pierce, note, face	400 00;	worth	405 00
Pine Bluff Property:			
Former value	$3,865 60		
Improvements during past year	71 00 –		$3,936 60
Uncollected note from former Trustee, in process of collection			10 25
Cash on hand			795 15
			$11,319 00
Present value of fund			$11,319 00
Value at close of Trulock's term			9,761 42
Increase for year			$ 1,557 58

I deemed it to the interest of the fund to issue the appended circular, which was sent to every known communicant of the Church throughout the Diocese. While the responses were not so great as I had expected, I feel that the object and importance of the fund has been placed before the members of each and all the Parishes directly, and that the future will show a material increase.

I would respectfully advise a separation of the fund for Contingent Expenses of the Diocese, and the Episcopate Fund, but that both be placed in the same canon, and their payment be a prerequisite to admission of Lay Delegates to the Council. As Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, I desire to bear testimony to the kindly assistance rendered to the fund by Messrs. Trulock, P. K. Roots and E. C. Hornor.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. FAULKNER, *Trustee.*

HELENA, ARK., April 12, 1893.

OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF EPISCOPATE FUND,
DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS,
HELENA, ARK., January 1, 1893.

DEAR SIR—Recognizing the necessity of immediately making some effort for the support in the future of the Episcopate in this Diocese, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the fund as it now stands, and the annual income expected from such investment:

	Value.	Income.
Pine Bluff property.....	$ 3,936 60	$34 00 per month.
Mortgage loans (secured).....	3,788 75	10 per cent.
Building and Loan Stock, $5,500; amount paid in..	2,230 00	15 per cent.
Earned to date.....	455 00	
Total.....	$10,410 35	

I earnestly ask your co-operation in materially increasing the fund by a personal gift now, and the use of your influence with

Churchmen and friends of the Diocese in your Parish. Every one interested in the growth and well-being of the Church in Arkansas ought to be seen, and the matter fully explained and a contribution solicited. This should be done at once, and the amount paid to Treasurer of Parish, or sent direct to Trustee of said fund, who will receipt to you for same.

Every dollar given now will be worth *two* five years hence. Heretofore we have looked to a surplus from the Contingent Fund of the Diocese to add something to this fund. Last year many Parishes failed to pay their apportionment, so that the balance left to be paid over to Trustee of Episcopate Fund was but $222. This sum represents the actual amount contributed during my term for the support of the Episcopate Fund in Arkansas. Comment is unnecessary. But I think the time has come for earnest effort in this matter, and we ought each year to try to raise at least $1000 to add to this fund, and in a few years the principal will reach an amount sufficient to produce an income ample for the support of the successor to the present Bishop. As matters now stand, we are receiving from the General Missionary Society of the Church the full amount of our Bishop's salary. Can we conscientiously go on year after year receiving this aid without putting forth a more earnest effort to provide for our own? I say all honor to the men and women who have made the fund what it is; but we ought not to rest satisfied until we have given to the Diocese a sufficient endowment to support our next Bishop. Therefore, I appeal to you to consider this matter earnestly. Help us with your means and your support, and I am sure the result will be that this fund will be raised.

Faithfully yours,

S. S. FAULKNER,

Trustee Episcopate Fund.

APPENDIX V.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the Twenty-First Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas:

Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to make the following report:

While the year that is past has not been one of unalloyed blessings, yet it has been marked by some evidences of the Divine blessing. The Church has been lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, especially in the eastern part of the Diocese. We have been pained by a comparison of the present year's statistics, as shown by the few Parochial reports received and those of the two preceding years, showing a falling off of—

	1893 against 1892.	
Parochial Reports	16	33
Baptisms, Infants	139	152
Baptisms, Adults	69	62
Baptisms, total	208	214
Confirmations	122	169
Communicants	1839	2200
Marriages	34	45
Sunday School Teachers	108	123
Sunday School Pupils	992	1264
Parish Offerings	$21,825 95	$31,364 25
Diocesan Offerings	2,184 21	2,575 34
Extra Diocesan Offerings	294 15	723 36
Total offerings	$24,292 31	$34,662 90

We find the aggregate of Diocesan Fund paid in during the years—

1890–1891	$586 54
1891–1892	401 50
1892–1893	374 00

For Disabled Clergy—

1890–1891	$ 38 40
1891–1892	74 27
1892–1893	37 13

For Diocesan Missions—

1890–1891	$ 28 75
1891–1892	131 11
1892–1893	94 03

We also find quite a number of Parishes delinquent as to their assessments.

We appeal to our brethren of the Clergy and Laity, upon whom the burden of this great falling off in the prosperity of the Diocese rests, to awake to the reality of our present state, and to take some decisive measures to arrest this backward tendency and awake to the necessity of increasing our efforts and diligence to renew our Diocesan life and growth.

Your committee finds it very difficult to make a satisfactory report, owing to the very few reports that have been placed in their hands from the different Parishes and Missions, and we respectfully urge the brethren the importance of the Annual Parochial Reports; for without full reports from all the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese, it is impossible to make a true exhibit of our actual condition.

C A. BRUCE,
WALLACE CARNAHAN,
P. K. ROOTS,
HERBERT EDWARDS,
WALTER GORMAN,
Committee.

APPENDIX VI.

PAROCHIAL ASSESSMENTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The Council having by instructions to the Secretary disposed of the matter of unpaid assessments, your committee make no suggestions touching ways and means of the Diocese, except to submit a list of the unpaid assessments for information, and of assessments for the ensuing year.

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS

St. Paul's, Batesville	$ 25 00
Christ Church, Little Rock	550 00
Trinity, Pine Bluff	75 00
Trinity, Van Buren	40 00

ASSESSMENT FOR ENSUING YEAR.

St. Paul's, Batesville	25 00
St. Johns', Camden	10 00
St. James', Eureka Springs	5 00
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	50 00
St. John's, Helena	100 00
St. Mark's, Hope	10 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	50 00
St. John's, Fort Smith	100 00
Christ Church, Little Rock	275 00
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	100 00
St. Andrew's, Marianna	10 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	5 00
St. Agnes', Morrilton	5 00
Church of Redeemer, Nashville	5 00
St. Paul's, Newport	15 00
Trinity, Pine Bluff	50 00
Trinity, Van Buren	20 00
Grace Church, Washington	10 00
Total	$855 00

Respectfully submitted, C. H. LOCKWOOD,
J. M. DAGGETT,
JOS. A. REEVES,
Committee.

APPENDIX VII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ARKADELPHIA.

No report.

UNORGANIZED MISSION, ARKANSAS CITY.

No report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BATESVILLE.

No report.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION, BRINKLEY.

C. A. BRUCE, Missionary.

This mission was formed by the Dean on the 24th of March, 1893. Twenty-one Communicants were found. BAPTISMS: Adult, 1; infants, 8; total, 9. Confirmations, 7. Communicants added, 7; whole number, 28.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.

THE REV. D. B. RAMSAY, Rector.

CALEB H. STONE, JOE A. REEVES, Wardens.

Number of families, 27. Whole number of souls, 100. Number baptized persons, 94. BAPTISMS: Infants, 6; adults, 2; total 8. Confirmations, 7. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 7; received, 2; total added, 9; removed, 1; total lost, 1; present number males, 16; females, 30; total, 46. Number confirmed persons, 46. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 130; other days, 37; total, 167. HOLY COMMUNION:

Public, 56. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 8; pupils, 34. Church sittings, 180. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Common alms, $44.40; Parish expenses, $135.15; prayer books, $15; pews, $300; carpet, $135; total, $629.55.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Cathedral, $8.25; delinquent assessment, $25; total, $43.25.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and Foreign Missions, $19; Widows and Orphans, $4; total, $23.10.

Total offerings, $695.90.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$3000 00
Estimated value Rectory	600 00
Estimated value other Church property	50 00
Total	$3650 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	None

ST. PAUL'S, DARDANELLE.

No report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUREKA SPRINGS.

THE REV. RICHARD D. JAMES, D. D., Rector.

COL. W. G. WEAR, C. F. ELLIS, M. D., Wardens.

Number of families, 22. Whole number of souls, 75. Number of baptized persons, 49. Number of persons baptized, 49. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2; adults, 4; total, 6. Confirmations, 8. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 10; total added, 10; removed, 4; total lost, 4; present number male, 9; female, 29; total, 38. Number of confirmed persons, 38. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 65; other days, 18; total, 83. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 15; private, 1; total, 16. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 34.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $20; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $460; music, $35; total, $515.

DIOCESAN: Episcopate fund, $4.40; total, $4.40.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $6; foreign missions, $10; miscellaneous, $7; total, $23.

Total offerings, $542.40.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$800 00
Estimated value other Church property	150 00
Total	$950 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

THE REV. JAMES J. VAULX, Rector.

W. B. WELCH, M. D., AND J. L. CRAVENS, Wardens.

BAPTISMS: Infants, 21; adults, 5; total, 26. Confirmations, 15. Actual Communicants, 146. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 3 each Sundays; other days, every day. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, each Sunday and Holy Day; private, 3. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, about 80. Church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $164.60; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1175; building fund, etc., $891.25; total, $2230.85.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; miscellaneous, $5; total, $55.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic Missions, $13.34; Society to Promulgate Christianity Among Jews, $6; aged and infirm Clergy, $5; total, $24.34.

Total offerings, $2,298.19.

*This includes those at Rogers, Springdale, Winslow and Boonsboro.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$4600 00
Estimated value Rectory..... 3000 00

Total.....$7600 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property..... None

We are having a Guild Hall erected in which it hoped the next Council will hold its sessions.

The Rector holds monthly services at two stations in the country semi-monthly at Winslow, and occasionally at Rogers and Boonsboro.

TRINITY CHURCH, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA.

No report.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, FORREST CITY.

THE REV. C. A. BRUCE, Minister.

WALTER GORMAN, Warden.

Number of families, 10. Whole number of souls, 43. BAPTISMS: Infants, 6. Confirmations, 5. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; present number, male, 5; female, 14; total, 19, Number of confirmed persons, 19. Marriages, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: 24. Sundays, 11; other days, 1; total, 12. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 11.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $24; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $75; contributions to Church fund on hand for building, $304.24; total, 403.24.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$750.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORT SMITH.

THE REV. W. T. ALLEN, Rector.

STEPHEN H. WHEELER, WM. M. MELLETTE, Wardens.

Number of families, 129 Whole number of souls, 430. Number of baptized persons, 413. BAPTISMS: Infants, 4;

adults, 2; total, 6. Confirmations, 9. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 9; received, 13; total added, 22; removed, 27; died, 2; withdrawn, 5; total lost, 34; total, 267. Number of confirmed persons, 267. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 54; other days, 45; total, 99. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 21; private, 2; total, 23. SUNDAY-SCHOOL: Teachers, 9; pupils, 100. Church Sittings, 225. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $450.78; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $824.60; moving building, $716.40; Guilds and Societies, $1372.10; total, $3363.88.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $100; Diocesan missions, $7.45; St. John's Hospital, $1275.30; total, $1382.75.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $22.05.

Total offerings, $4768.68.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$ 10,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	1800 00
Estimated value other Church property	705 00
Total	$ 12,505 00

Amount of indebtedness on Church property .....None.

The above report is only for the six months of my incumbency.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA.

THE REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

P. O. THWEATT, G. QUARLES, Wardens.

Nuumber of families, 99. Whole number of souls, 402. Number baptized persons, 398. BAPTISMS: Infants, 10; adults, 2; total, 12. Confirmations, 18. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 17; received, 5; total added, 22; removed, 20; died, 2; withdrawn, 1; total lost, 23; total, 218. Number of confirmed persons, 235. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 131; other days, 140; total, 271. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 80; private, 1; total, 81. SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

Teachers, 14; pupils, 145. Church sittings, 300. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $46.91: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $2668.38; "Mission" expense, $84.50; St. Andrew Brotherhood, $59; various Church societies, $788.87 — $847.87 — Ophelia Polk Moore Memorial Home, $1601; total, $5248.66.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $100; Diocesan missions, "Ladies Guild" Church of Good Shepherd, Forrest City, $50; aged and infirm Clergy, $21.15; Episcopate fund, $36.70; Bishop's visit, $8.65; total, $216.50.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $35; University of the South, $5; miscellaneous, conversion of Jews, $2.50; total, $42.50.

Total offerings, $5507.66.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$16,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	7,000 00
Estimated value other Church property	500 00
Total	$23,500 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	1,900 00

A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been organized during the past year and is doing good work on Parish lines.

The contract for the Ophelia Polk Moore Memorial Home for orphans has been let, and this noble charity (largely the gift of Mrs. W E. Moore), will soon be doing effective work.

Sunshine Circle of Kings' Daughters have been doing their usual work of charity. Calls from poor, and destitute families are constantly coming and are answered by food, clothing and money. At Christmas the Circle sent a box to an Orphans' Home in Memphis and entertained over forty families at the residence of their President, Mrs. E. D. Pillow. These families each received substantial gifts of food and clothing. From an operetta the Circle cleared $100, and at Easter made an offering

to the Church of $13.50. The Circle have placed their entire amount of money at the disposal of the Board of Directors of the Ophelia Polk Moore Memorial Home to be established in Helena. The entire amount received since December 1 is $154.92, added to the amount on hand makes $200.97. The expenditures since December 1 have been $53.68, leaving a total of $147.29. MRS. ELLA J. WINFIELD,

Secretary.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOPE.

THE REV. PALIN SAXBY, Rector.

JUDSON T. WEST, MOSES H. BARLOW, Wardens.

Number of families, 31. Whole number of souls, 100. Number baptized persons, 78. BAPTISMS: Infants, 1. Confirmations, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 4; received, 3; total added, 7; removed, 7; total lost, 7; present number, male, 17; female, 29; total, 46. Number confirmed persons, 46. Burials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 103; other days, 98; total, 201. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 39. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 35. Church sittings, 140. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $21.75; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $626.60; total, $648.35.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $3.55; Episcopate fund, $23.25; miscellaneous, St. Augustine's School, $30; the Cathedral, $6.60; total, $73.40.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $2.25; Foreign missions, $2.30; miscellaneous, conversion of the Jews, $1.25; children's offerings, domestic and foreign missions, $15.10; total, $20.90.

Total offerings, $742.65.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$2000 00.
Amount of indebtedness on Church property.....None.

A vested choir has been introduced during the year, the vestries changed, and an out-house built.

Mission services are held at Gurdon and Fulton on alternate Friday evenings, and occasionally at Spring Hill. There are six communicants at Gurdon, and six at Fulton, who are not included in the above report.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.

THE REV. WM. JAMES MILLER, Rector.

GEORGE G. LATTA, RICHARD B. BANCROFT, Wardens.

Number of families, 90. Individuals not thus included, 21. BAPTISMS: Infants, 9; adults, 9; total, 18. Confirmations, 14. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 14; received, 6; total added, 20; removed, 9; died, 3; withdrawn, 1; total lost, 13; present number, 132. Number of confirmed persons, 164. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 119; other days, 93; total, 212. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 55. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 7; pupils, 90. Church sittings, 450.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $100.87; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1685.91; Gifts to the Rector, $160; Paid on debt, $1850; Sunday School, $51.13; Brotherhood of St. Andrew for free prayer books, $50; from King's Daughters, $943.79; total, $4841.70.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; Diocesan missions, $60.53; aged and infirm Clergy, $10.28; Episcopate fund, $14.30; Cathedral, $13.25; Arkansas flood sufferers, $25.95; miscellaneous, $9.50; total, $183.81.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic Missions, $30.10; Foreign missions, $20.40; University of the South. $5.60; Sunday School Lenten Offering for General missions, $28.56; total, $84.66.

Total offerings, $5,110.17

Estimated value Church and grounds..... $ 30,000 00

The amount raised by the King's Daughters was $1123.79,

a portion of which is included in the item "paid on debt." Of the balance, $943.79, $515 was raised for a Church Home for Destitute Women. This is a charity to which the ladies have devoted themselves, which it is hoped will in time develop into a well endowed institution.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, LAKE VILLAGE.

No report.

CHRIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

DR. WILLIAM A. CANTRELL, Senior Warden; MR. JOHN W. GOODWIN, Junior Warden.

Number of families, 363. Whole number of souls (about) 1700. COMMUNICANTS, 650. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 30; pupils, 300; total, 330. BAPTISMS: Adults, 6; infants, 30; total, 36. Confirmations, 21. Marriages, 11. Burials, 23.

OFFERINGS.

FOR PAROCHIAL OBJECTS: Communion alms, $240.93; Rector's salary, $2400; gifts to the Rector, $390; Church debt, $1551.22; Parish expenses, $1899.07; Orphans' Home $14.95; miscellaneous, $249.60; total, $6745.77.

FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS, $231.60.

FOR OBJECTS BEYOND THE DIOCESE: Domestic missions $35.60; foreign missions, $32.50; widows and orphans of clergymen, $15.85; Jewish missions, $24.60; total, $108.55.

Aggregate, $7035.92.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Church edifice and grounds	$ 60,000 00
Rectory and grounds	8 500 00
Mission chapel and grounds	1,500 00
Total	$70 000 00

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. JOHN DAVIS, Dean.

G. W. CARUTH, LOGAN H. ROOTS, Wardens.

Number of families, 70. BAPTISMS: Infants, 4; adults, 1; total, 5. Confirmations, 5. Number of confirmed persons, 116. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 12; other days, 26; total, 38. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 10. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 56. Church sittings, 1000. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $410.87; for new Prayer Books, $5.40; choir fund, $83.10; furnace, $335; paid on debt, $1000; memorial window, $250; Ladies' Guild, $257.06; total, $2,111.43.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $100; Episcopate fund, $42.55; total, $142.55.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society, $4.40; total, $4.40.

Total offerings, $2,258.38.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$20,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	1350 00
Total	$21,350 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	1600 00

The above financial items chiefly extend from January 1st, last; official acts only from March 1st, last. The incompleteness of the report is due to the brief time since assuming charge, and also to the confused condition in which the Parochial records were found.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

No report.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MAMMOTH SPRING.

No report.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MARIANNA.

THE REV. C. A. BRUCE, Rector.

J. P. DUNHAM, HANI CLARK, Wardens.

Number of families, 17. Whole number of souls, 67. Number baptized persons, 58. BAPTISMS: Infants, 5. Confirmations, 4. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 2; received, 4; total added, 6; removed, 5; withdrawn, 1; present number male, 15; female, 28; total, 43. Number of confirmed persons, 43. Marriages, 3. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 48; other days, 2; total, 50. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 24. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 25. Church sittings, 115. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $150.

Estimated value Church and grounds..... $3000 00

ST. AGNES CHURCH, MORRILTON.

THE REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, Rector.

W. M. SCARBOROUGH AND T. P. STOUT, Wardens.

Whole number of souls, 60. BAPTISMS: Infants, 23; adults, 37; total, 60. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Died, 1; total lost, 1; present number males, 15; females, 22; total, 37. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 66; other days, 8; total, 74. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 9. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 5; pupils, 30. Church sittings, 156. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $234.15; total, $234.15.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions,

$2.25 ; Collections, March 19, 1893, paid to Bishop Pierce for Cathedral, $2.21 ; total, $14.46.

Total offerings, $248.71.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$2441.55
Estimated value Rectory..... 430.75

Total $2872.30

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, NASHVILLE.

THE REV. PALIN SAXBY, Rector.

WM. C. RODGERS, GEORGE ARMISTEAD, Wardens.

Number of families, 12. Whole number of souls, 30. Number baptized persons, 28. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2. Number of confirmations, 1. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 1 ; total added, 1 ; removed, 1 ; died, 1 ; total lost, 2 ; present number male, 8 ; female, 8 ; total, 16. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays. 10 ; other days, 31 ; total, 41. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 10. Church sittings, 100.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $81.85.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10.

Total offerings, $91.85.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$900 00

A vested choir has been introduced, and a Vestry built. This Parish has just now taken on new life, and a good report may be looked for next year.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

L. MINOR, SR., HENRY RIDLEY, JR., Wardens.

Number of families, 28. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2. Confirmations, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Removed, 4. Marriages, 1. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4 ; pupils, 22. Chnrch sittings, 175. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $286; miscellaneous, $400.40; total, $686.40.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $15; aged and infirm Clergy, $3; Episcopate fund, $6.75; Cathedral work, $3.85; total, $28.60.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $9.16; mission to the Jews, $3.05; building fund, $3.25; total, $15.46.

Total offerings, $830.46.

Estimated value Church and grounds and Rectory....$720.46
Amount of indebtedness on Church property..... 15.00

HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH, PARAGOULD.

No report.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PENDLETON.

No report.

GRACE CHURCH, PHILLIPS COUNTY.

No report.

TRINITY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.

No report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PRESCOTT.

No report.

TRINITY CHURCH, VAN BUREN.

No report.

GRACE CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

THE REV. PALIN SAXBY, Rector.

C. E. RATCLIFF. W. S. EAKIN, Wardens.

Number of families, 27. Whole number of souls, 73. Number baptized persons, 72: Confirmations, 2. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 2; total added, 2; removed, 7; total lost, 7; present number, male, 7; female, 22; total, 29: Number confirmed persons, 29. Marriages, 3. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 76; other days, 385; total, 461. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 48. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 5; pupils, 41. Church sittings, 160. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $8.25; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $463.73; total, $471.98.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $2.95; aged and infirm Clergy, $4; Episcopate fund, $25.75; total, $42.70.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $6.40; foreign missions, $2.55; conversion of the Jews, 90c.; total, $9.85.

Total offerings, $524.53.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$900 00
Estimated value other Church property	300 00
Total	$1200 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	None.

A vested choir has been introduced, nnd a Vestry built. A wood-house has also been built. The altar has been rebuilt and enlarged. The Church is now well lighted.

PERSONAL REPORT OF THE REV. HERBERT EDWARDS.

HELENA, April 12, 1893.

After having been received into the Diocese of Arkansas on second day of the Council at Hot Springs, I returned to Prescott, and until the Church was removed from its old site to a better, continued to give monthly services. I also went by request to take Rocky Comfort and Richmond, and while there was kept by the floods for about six weeks between Little and Red River, unable to get back. I took services at Ashdown and Wilton, points on the Texarkana & Fort Smith Railroad. Dr. Hamilton, of Richmond, kindly furnished a horse for some months, and after that Col. A. D. Hawkins found one for the work. In September, having the means, I made a mission trip, visiting Searcy, Beebe, Cabot, Alexander and Benton. I then returned to Rocky Comfort and Richmond. Trinity Sunday I was a guest of Rev. Mr. Anderson at Texarkana, and preached there both times. He was much beloved by my Rocky Comfort people and could help me in the work there from his knowledge of the people. It was thought wise at Prescott to discontinue the Church services until we could partly repair the building. After removal, and after the above mentioned mission trip to Searcy, etc., I made Rocky Comfort and Richmond my headquarters. I gave services on the fourth Sunday, and to help out took services at Clarksville three times and Paris twice and Bonham once. I baptized three children in Texas related to our people, and I also held four services in the Indian Nation, Choctaw, and baptized six children, nephews and nieces of Senator Harris, who entertained me. I baptized at Wilton the child of Isaiah Daniels and also succeeded in persuading Gen. Williams to be baptized, but as I was absent at Prescott he had to call in someone else. He was 80 years of age and died just after. Had I had more means I could have done much better work. I have worked hard and, trust that God will bless these humble efforts to establish His Kingdom. I am, respectfully, HERBERT EDWARDS,

Mission Priest.

TABLE OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.	No. of Families.	Baptisms.			Confirmations.	No. Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.		OFFERINGS.				Value of Church Property.
		Infants.	Adults.	Total.					Teachers.	Pupils.	Parochial.	Diocesan.	Extra Diocesan.	Total.	
Arkadelphia, St. Marks*						3									$ 600 00
Arkansas City, Mission*						9									250 00
Batesville, St. Paul's*						108			7	105					3,500 00
Brinkley, Mission		8	1	9	7	28									
Conway, Mission*						8									
Camden, St. John's	27	6	2	8	7	46	2	2	8	34	$ 629 55	$ 43 25	$ 23 10	$ 695 90	3,650 00
Dardanelle, St. Paul's*															2,825 00
Eureka Springs, St. James'	22	2	4	6	8	38			4	34	515 00	4 40	23 00	542 40	950 00
Fayetteville, St. Paul's		21	5	26	10	146	2	7	6	80	2,230 85	55 00	24 34	2,298 19	7,600 00
Forrest City, The Good Shepherd	10	6		6	5	19	1				403 24				750 00
Fort Smith, St. John's	129	4	2	6	9	267	3	7	9	100	3,363 88	1,382 75	22 05	4,758 68	12,505 00
Fulton, Mission						6									
Gurdon, Mission						6									
Helena, St. John's	99	10	2	12	18	218	1	8	14	145	5,248 66	216 50	42 50	5,507 66	23,500 00
Hope, St. Mark's	31	1		1	3	46		1	4	35	648 35	73 40	20 90	742 65	2,000 00
Hot Springs, St. Luke's	90	9	9	18	14	132	7	9	7	90	4,841 70	183 81	84 66	5,110 17	30,000 00
Lake Village, Emmanuel*						10									250 00
Little Rock, Trinity Cathedral	70	4	1	5	5	116			6	56	416 27	142 55	4 40	563 22	21,350 00
Little Rock, Christ Church	393	30	6	36	21	650	11	23	30	300	6,745 77	231 60	108 55	7,085 92	70,000 00
Little Rock, St. Philips*	49					27			3	67					2,500 00
Mammoth Spring, St. Andrew's*	16					27			6	30					2,500 00
Marianna, St. Andrew's	17	5		5	4	43	3		6	25	150 00			150 00	3,000 00
Morrilton, St. Agnes'	10	23	37	60		37			5	30	234 15	14 46		248 71	2,872 30
Nashville, Church of the Redeemer	12	2		2	1	16					81 85	10 00		91 85	900 00
Newport, St. Paul's	28	2		2	3	53	1		4	22	686 40	28 60	15 46	830 46	720 46
Paragould, Holy Communion*	4					15			2	16					
Phillips County, Grace															150 00
Pine Bluff, Trinity*	107					204			8	100					16,500 00
Prescott, St. James*						8									500 00
Richmond, Mission*						10									300 00
Rocky Comfort, Mission*						20									100 00
Van Buren, Trinity*	29					55			4	30					3,000 00
Washington, Grace	27				2	29	3		5	41	471 98	42 70	9 85	524 53	1,200 00
Winslow, Mission					5										300 00
Total	1140	133	69	202	122	2400	34	57	137	1340	$ 26,867 65	$ 2,429 02	$378 81	$ 29,675 48	$ 212,272 76

*No report. The figures given are taken from last year's Journal

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DIOCESAN MISSIONS, on the first Sunday in Lent, and on Trinity Sunday.

EPISCOPATE FUND, on Septuagesima Sunday, or on Easter Day.

AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY, and WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE, on National Thanksgiving Day.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, on the first Sunday in Advent.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The Society asks for stated offerings as follows, and on the dates given when possible:

DOMESTIC MISSIONS, the first Sunday in Advent.

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MISSIONS TO INDIANS, the fourth Sunday after Easter.

The Treasurer is MR. GEORGE BLISS, to whom all remittances should be sent, at his office,

22 Bible House, New York City.

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W. J. MILLER, Secretary.

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Standing Committee:

REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD, PRESIDENT.

REV. W. J. MILLER, SEC'Y. MR. JOHN J. HORNOR.

REV. JOHN DAVIS. MR. P. K. ROOTS.

Secretary of the Council:

REV. WM. J. MILLER, Hot Springs.

Treasurer of the Diocese:

MR. P. K. ROOTS, Little Rock.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missions:

MR. ARTHUR F. ADAMS, Little Rock.

Registrar:

MR. GEO. H. VAN ETTEN, Little Rock.

Chancellor:

THE HON. WM. G. WHIPPLE, Little Rock.

(Term Expires in 1897.)

Trustee of the Episcopate Fund:

MR. S. S. FAULKNER, Helena.

Trustees of the University of the South:

REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD.

MR. GEO. G. LATTA. MR. ROBT. J. MATTHEWS.

Trustee of the General Theological Seminary:

REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, D. D., LL. D.

Deputies to the General Convention:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. C. H. LOCKWOOD.	Mr. GEO. G. LATTA.
Rev. W. J. MILLER.	Mr. C. E. RATCLIFF.
Rev. J. J. VAULX.	Mr. H. M. GRANT.
Rev. JOHN DAVIS.	Dr. W. B. WELCH.

Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention:
(In the order of their election.)

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. R. S. JAMES, D. D.	Mr. J. A. REEVES.
Rev. D. B. RAMSAY.	Mr. JOHN H. RODGERS.
Rev. D. S. C. M. POTTER, D. D.	Mr. W. M. SCARBOROUGH.
Rev. W. T. ALLEN.	Mr. L. MINOR.

Members of the Missionary Council:

Rev. R. S. JAMES, D. D. Mr. R. V. McCRACKEN.

Committee on Judiciary:

The Hon. WM. G. WHIPPLE, President.

Mr. CHAS. D. JAMES. Mr. JOHN H. RODGERS.

Board of Managers for Diocesan Missions:

The Rt. Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., President.

Rev. C. H. LOCKWOOD.	Mr. JOHN J. HORNOR.
Rev. JOHN DAVIS.	Mr. A. F. ADAMS.
Rev. W. T. ALLEN, Sec'y.	Mr. J. A. REEVES.

Deans of Convocation:

Rev. C. H. LOCKWOOD, Helena Convocation.
Rev. JOHN DAVIS, Little Rock Convocation.
Rev. J. J. VAULX, Fort Smith Convocation.

Preacher of Council Sermon:

Rev. CHARLES E. CABANISS.

Alternate:

Rev. GEO. W. FLOWERS.

LIST OF

THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

BISHOP:

RT. REV. HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., LL. D., Little Rock.

PRIESTS:

REV. W. T. ALLEN, Rector of St. John's Church, Fort Smith.

REV. C. A. BRUCE, serving at Marianna, Brinkley and Forrest City ..... P. O. Helena.

REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Rector of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff.

REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector of Christ Church, Little Rock.

REV. JOHN DAVIS, Dean of Trinity Cathedral ..... Little Rock.

REV. HERBERT EDWARDS .....

REV. GEO. W. FLOWERS, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Buren.

REV. R. S. JAMES, D. D., Rector of St. James', Eureka Springs.

REV. JAMES W. KEEBLE, Rector of St. Paul's, Batesville and St. Paul's Newport ..... P. O. Batesville.

REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD, Rector of St. John's Church, Helena.

REV. W. J. MILLER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs.

REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, D. D., Rector St. Agnes', Morrilton.

REV. D. B. RAMSAY, Rector of St. John's Church ..... Camden.

REV. PALIN SAXBY, Rector of Grace, Washington; St. Mark's, Hope, Church of the Redeemer, Nashville ..... P. O. Hope.

REV. D. L. TRIMBLE, B. D. ..... Pine Bluff.

REV. J. J. VAULX, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville.

DEACON:

REV. ISAIAH P. DANIELS, Minister in charge of St. Philip's Church ..... Little Rock.

List of Parishes and Missions,

WITH NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Arkansas City, Mission.

Batesville, St. Paul's.

Brinkley, Mission.

Camden, St. John's—Messrs. J. A. Reeves,* J. R. Young,* C. H. Stone.* *Alternates*—L. C. Vickers, H. G. Smith,* S. Q. Sevier.*

Centre Point, Mission.

Dardanelle, St. Paul's.

Eureka Springs, St. James'—Messrs. Wm. G. Wear,* Chas. D. James,* Chas. L. Goodwin. *Alternate*—C. F. Ellis, M. D.*

Fayetteville, St. Paul's—Messrs. W. B. Welch, M. D., J. L. Cravens, R. V. McCracken.

Forrest City, Mission of the Good Shepherd—Mr. E. L. Vadakin.*

Fort Smith, St. John's.

Helena, St. John's—Messrs. John J. Hornor, S. S. Faulkner, H. M. Grant.* *Alternates*—G. T. Updegraff,* C. H. Purvis,* J. H. O'Connor.*

Hope, St. Mark's—Messrs. Judson T. West,* Moses Harry Barlow,* Chas. E. Ratcliff.* *Alternates*—Edward Thomas,* Wm. M. Rials,* Geo. R. Ruffin.*

Hot Springs, St. Luke's—Messrs. George G. Latta,* Richard B. Bancroft,* James P. Mellard.*

Lake Village, Emmanuel.

Little Rock, Trinity Cathedral—Messrs. P. K. Roots,* Arthur F. Adams, Geo. F. Burchard.* *Alternates*—Fay Hempstead,* Clement H. Yost,* R. J. Matthews.*

Little Rock, Christ Church.

Little Rock, St. Philip's.

*Not present at the Council.

MAMMOTH SPRING, St. Andrew's.
MARIANNA, St. Andrew's—Messrs. E. D. Ragland,* J. M. Daggett,* W. T. Barnes.*
MORRILTON, St. Agnes'—Messrs. W. N. Sandlin,* T. P. Stout,* W. H. Ashley.*
NASHVILLE, Church of the Redeemer.
NEWPORT, St. Paul's.
OGAMAW, Mission.
PARAGOULD, Mission.
PHILLIPS COUNTY, Grace Chapel.
PINE BLUFF, Trinity—Messrs. Geo. M. Rogers, Geo. E. Valliant,* F. M. Roane.* *Alternates*—J. W. Bocage,* F. P. R. Ellis, John Temple.*
PRESCOTT, St. James'.
VAN BUREN, Trinity.
WASHINGTON, Grace.
WINSLOW, Mission.

RECTORIES.

The following Parishes have Rectories:

St. Paul's ..... Batesville.
St. Paul's ..... Dardanelle.
St. John's ..... Fort Smith.
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
Christ Church ..... Little Rock.
St. Philip's ..... Little Rock.
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Sp'g.
St. Agnes' ..... Morrilton.
Grace Chapel, Phillips County.
Trinity ..... Van Buren.
St. John's ..... Camden.
St. Paul's ..... Fayetteville.
St. John's ..... Helena.
St. Paul's ..... Newport.
Trinity ..... Pine Bluff.
Grace ..... Washington.

*Not present at the Council.

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COUNCIL.

The Twenty-second Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas was convened in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, on the Feast of St. Mark, April 25, 1894.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Bruce, Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, and the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Rector of the Parish. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., LL. D., from the text: "Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." St. John, xiv., 5th and 6th verses.

The Council was called to order immediately after the service, the Bishop presiding. On calling the roll of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, the following answered to their names:

The Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., LL. D.

Priests.

Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,
Rev. C. A. Bruce,	Rev. C. H. Lockwood,
Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss,	Rev. W. J. Miller,
Rev. John Davis,	Rev. Dr. Potter,
Rev. Geo. W. Flowers,	Rev. J. J. Vaulx.

The Rev. J. J. Vaulx and the Rev. W. T. Allen were appointed the Committee on Credentials, who reported that the following Lay Delegates had been duly elected and were entitled to seats in the Council:

Trinity Cathedral—P. K. Roots, Arthur F. Adams, George

F. Burchard. Alternates—Fay Hempstead, Clement H. Yost, R. J. Matthews.

St. Agnes', Morrilton—W. N. Sandlin, T. P. Stout, W. H. Ashley.

St. Luke's, Hot Springs—Geo. G. Latta, Richard B. Bancroft, James P. Mellard.

St. James, Eureka Springs—Wm. G. Wear, Chas. D. James, Chas. L. Goodwin. Alternate—C. F. Ellis, M. D.

St. John's, Helena—J. J. Hornor, S. S. Faulkner, H. M. Grant. Alternates—G. T. Updegraff, C. H. Purvis, J. H. O'Connor.

St. Paul's, Fayetteville—Dr. W. B. Welch, J. L. Cravens, R. V. McCracken.

On calling the roll, the following answered to their names:

J. J. Hornor,	R. V. McCracken,
S. S. Faulkner,	J. L. Cravens,
Dr. W. B. Welch,	A. F. Adams.

On motion of the Rev C. H. Lockwood, the Rev. W. J. Miller was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the certificates of Lay Delegates from Trinity Parish, Pine Bluff, had been received, and on examination it was found that while the assessment for the present year had been paid, the assessment for 1893 had not.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Allen, the past dues of Trinity Parish, Pine Bluff, were remitted, and the Parish admitted to representation in the Council. The Secretary calling the roll, Mr. F. P. R. Ellis answered to his name and took his seat.

On motion, a recess was taken until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1894.

The Council reassembled at 3 p. m., and upon being called to order, the Bishop read a portion of his Annual Address. (See Appendix I.)

The Rev. J. J. Vaulx moved that that portion of the Bishop's

ddress referring to the deaths of Mr. Logan H. Roots and ol. M. L. Bell be referred to separate committees of three ach. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials reported that additional cer-ficates from Parishes had been received, and that the follow-ing persons had been duly elected Delegates to this Council:

St. Mark's, Hope—Judson T. West, Moses Harry Barlow, harles E. Ratcliff. Alternates—Edward Thomas, Wm. M. ials, George R. Ruffin.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City—E L. Vadakin.

St. John's, Camden — J. A. Reeves, J. R. Young, C. H. tone. Alternates—L. C. Vickers, H. G. Smith, and S. Q. evier.

St. Andrew's, Marianna—E. D. Ragland, J. M. Daggett, W. Barnes.

An invitation to the Council having been received from Mrs. A. Ferguson and Mrs. J. J. Vaulx to a reception on Thurs-ay evening, the invitation, on motion, was accepted with anks.

On motion of the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, it was resolved that he business sessions of the Council should be held from 9 a. m. 12 m., and from 2 to 5 p. m.

On motion, the Council adjourned, to meet Thursday morn-ng at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,
Thursday, April 26, 1894.

The Council reassembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Drs. Potter and James. Immediately after the service the Council was called to order by the Bishop. On calling of the roll the Rev. D. B. Ramsay and Messrs. Geo. W. R gers, of Trinity Parish, Pine Bluff; Charles D. Goodwin, of St. James' Parish, Eureka

Springs, and L. C. Vickers, of St. John's Parish, Camden, a swered to their names, who were not present at the opening the Council.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Bishop appointed the following Standing Committee

Ways and Means.

Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,

Mr. R. V. McCracken, Mr. F. P. R. Ellis.

Admission of New Parishes.

Rev. Charles E. Cabaniss,

Mr. Charles D. James, Mr. George W. Rogers.

State of the Church.

Rev. W. T. Allen.

Rev. Dr. Potter, Mr. J. L. Cravens,

Rev. John Davis, Mr. L. C. Vickers.

Auditing and Finance.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner, Mr. A. F. Adams.

Unfinished Business.

Rev. W. J. Miller, Mr. R. V. McCracken.

Constitution and Canons.

Rev. J. J. Vaulx,

Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. Geo. W. Flowers,

Rev. C. A. Bruce, Mr. J. J. Hornor,

Rev. D. B. Ramsay, Dr. W. B. Welch.

The Bishop also at this time appointed the fol Special Committees:

In Memory of Mr. Logan H. Roots.

Rev. J. J. Vaulx,

Mr. A. F. Adams, Mr. Chas. L. Goodw

In Memory of Col. M. L. Bell.

Rev. W. J. Miller,

Mr. S. S. Faulkner, Mr. Geo. W. Roge

On motion, of the Rev. Dr. James, the hour of 12 was appointed for noonday prayer for the Missions of the Church.

On motion, the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. C. H. Lockwood read the report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. (See Appendix II.)

Mr. A. F. Adams read the reports of Mr. Logan H. Roots, and of Mr. P. K. Roots, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy. (See Appendix I.) Which, on motion, were referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner read his report as Trustee of the Episcopate Fund (See Appendix IV), which, on motion, was referred to the Auditing and Finance Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Allen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article 4 of Canon II, Title II, be amended so as to read: "In each Parish all baptized members who are regular contributors to the expenses of the Parish, and who are duly registered as members of this congregation, shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting,"

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Mr. A. F. Adams moved that the Committee on Constitution and Canons be requested to consider and report to this Council any further changes in the Canons that may be necessary by the adoption of the above proposed amendment. Carried.

The Rev. Dr. James offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution and Canons be requested to consider the propriety of erasing from Section 1, Canon III, Title II, the words, "But not vote on any question," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "And shall have the casting vote,"

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Cabaniss offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council define the term "Actual Communicants" in the form of Parochial Reports.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Vestry of St. Mark's Church, Hope:

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOPE, ARK.,
17th April, 1894.

To the Reverend W. J. Miller, Secretary of the Diocesan Council:

REVEREND SIR—I am requested by the Rector and Vestry of this Parish to send to you for presentation to the Bishop and Council of the Diocese, at their meeting in Fayetteville on the 25th inst., the following copies of resolutions passed at a meeting of our Vestry on Thursday, 29th March, 1894:

RESOLUTION 1. "*Whereas*, the 25th day of April is St. Mark's Day, and the dedication festival of the Church of this Parish, and whereas, notice has been received by the Rector of Hope, that the date of meeting of the Diocesan Council has been made to conflict with that of said feast. Be it

"*Resolved*, That the Bishop and Council be requested to excuse the attendance of the Rector and Delegates of this Parish at the meeting of the Council.

RES. 2. "*Whereas*, several of the Parishes of this Diocese, are located at points more or less inaccessible, and, *Whereas*, the selection of a meeting place for the annual Council of the Diocese, has for that reason of late, resulted in the reduction of the attendance of Lay Delegates to an absurd minimum. Be it

"*Resolved*, That the Vestry respectfully petition the Bishop and Council of the Diocese of Arkansas to appoint Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, as the permanent meeting place of the Council."

I am, Reverend Sir, very respectfully yours,

F. W. RATCLIFF,
Secretary of the Vestry.

The time having arrived for the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the President appointed the Rev. Mr. Allen and Mr. Geo. W. Rogers, as tellers, who reported that the following named persons had received a majority of the votes cast: The Reverend Messrs. C. H. Lockwood, W. J. Miller, John Davis, and Messrs. John J. Hornor and P. K. Roots.

Mr. A. F. Adams read the report of the Auditing and Finance Committee, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, respectfully report that they have examined and checked the reports and vouchers of Mr. P. K. Roots, Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund, and of the Fund for Disabled Clergy, and find them to be correct and properly kept. The Fund for Disabled Clergy shows a small increase, but not what it should be.

The report of Mr. S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, shows the

increase for the past year to be some thirteen hundred dollars, and the present value of the fund to be $12,690.62. The importance of this fund does not seem to be properly appreciated by Church people. Though growing fast, especial efforts should be made by all Parishes to add to it. Mr. Faulkner has taken great care and interest in handling this fund, and the thanks of the Council are due him for his success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. ADAMS,
S. S. FAULKNER,
Committee.

The hour of noon having arrived, prayer was made for the Missions of the Church. After which a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Council reassembled at 2 p. m., and was called to order as the Board of Missions, the Bishop presiding.

The first in the order of business was the report of the Board of Managers, which was read by the Rev. W. T. Allen, Secretary of the Board, as follows:

To the Twenty-Second Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas:

The Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions begs to make the following report of its proceedings since its appointment by the last Council.

Inasmuch as many were absent at the time this Board was created, and some clergymen have come into the Diocese since its creation and do not know of the method then adopted, and inasmuch as some do not seem to understand that this plan has been adopted by the Council and is therefore binding on the whole Diocese, it is thought best by the Board to give the Canons respecting these.

First, as to the creation of the Board of Managers of the Board of Missions:

Section 3, of Canon IV, is as follows:

"When the Council is not in session the missionary interests of the Diocese shall be cared for by a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese as President, *ex-officio*, the general Missionary, if there be one, and three clergymen and three laymen, to be elected annually by the Council, sitting as a Board of Missions."

Second, as to the Canon adopting the present method of raising mission funds, we copy the following from the minutes of the Board:

"The following is the resolution offered by Major J. J. Hornor, respecting the plan presented to the Council for the support of Diocesan Missions, by Rev. W. T. Allen: 'Moved, that the Board of Missions recommend the adoption of the plan of the Board of Managers, with the request that the Board put it into immediate operation throughout the Diocese.' Carried."

Respecting the indorsement of the plan by the Council, the following resolution was offered by the Rev. C. H. Lockwood:

"*Resolved*, That this Council indorse the action of the Board of Missions, and strongly urge upon the Board of Managers to put into immediate operation the plan proposed for raising money for the support of the Mission work of the Diocese." Adopted.

The following were elected by the Board of Missions as a Board of Managers for the year 1893-4:

Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Helena; Dean John Davis, Trinity Cathedral; Rev. W. T. Allen, Fort Smith (Secretary); Maj. J. J. Hornor, Helena; Col. Logan H. Roots, (Treasurer), Mr. A. F. Adams, Little Rock.

This Board held its first meeting in St. John's Church, Helena, the Bishop presiding. On motion, it was

Resolved, "That the regular meetings of the Board of Managers be fixed as follows: The first meeting to be on the last day, or immediately after the closing of the Council; the second on the second Wednesday in July; the third on the second Wednesday in October; the fourth on the second Wednesday in January, and the last meeting of each year immediately before the opening of the Council. The first and last meetings to be held at the place of meeting of the Council; the others at Little Rock."

The Secretary was requested to prepare and print collectors' books, new-member blanks, and a circular letter explaining the methods adopted by the Council, and send them to every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese. This was done.

The Board of Managers appropriated $400, to be paid quarterly, for the ensuing year, as follows: To Rev. R. S. James, D. D., $100; to Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., $100; to Rev. C. A. Bruce, $100; to Mammoth Spring, $100. And, although this amount was largely in excess of any amount previously raised by the Diocese for missions, the Board pledged itself to see it paid.

It was soon discovered that though all necessary books, blanks, etc., had been sent to the different Parishes and Mission Stations, but few responded, and many of the places, perhaps a majority, did not put the plan adopted by the Council into operation. After vainly trying in many ways to interest the delinquent places, it was decided to issue a quarterly missionary paper, containing a tabulated statement of all amounts received from the various places in the Diocese, the Treasurer's report, the work of the Board, and missionary items of general interest to the Diocese, to be called "The Arkansas Missionary," and that this paper be distributed throughout the Diocese. Accordingly, Very Rev. John Davis was appointed Editor and Mr. A. F. Adams, Business Manager. One thousand, five hundred copies were issued in the first issue. The paper has now reached a self-supporting basis and we think is doing much good in the Diocese.

Your Board begs leave to submit the following financial report:

St. John's, Helena	$173 42	
" " "	31 43—	$205
St. John's, Fort Smith	75 92	
" " "	6 13—	82
Trinity, Little Rock	69 95	

St. John's, Camden	50 00	
" " "	10 00—	60 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	40 20	40 20
Trinity, Pine Bluff	17 47	17 47
St. James', Eureka Springs	17 38	
" " "	5 00—	22 38
St. Andrew's, Marianna	16 65	16 65
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	19 00	19 00
Grace Church, Washington	14 27	14 27
St. Mark's, Hope	3 20	3 20
St. Philip's, Little Rock	12 46	12 46
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	10 00	10 00
St. Paul's, Newport	7 60	7 60
St. Agnes', Morrilton	3 50	3 50
Trinity, Van Buren	5 40	5 40
Junius T. Smith	6 25	6 25
M. H. Barlow	10 00	10 00
Arkansas Missionary	1 25	
" "	3 00	
" " due from Association	13 50—	17 85
Balance on hand first year was	7 65	7 65
		$630 73
		7 65
Making a total of		$623 08

Raised by this Board during the year, as against $94.03 raised last year, and equal to the amount raised in any previous six years.

The Board reports its pledges to Rev. C. A. Bruce, Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., and Rev. R. S. Jones, D. D., as discharged. There being no missionary at Mammoth Spring, the appropriation was not used at that place. There is now in the Treasury of the Board $146.95, not including many dues for April, not yet handed in.

When it is considered that it took some time to get the plan in operation, that many of the places reported did not begin the plan till one half the year was gone, and that many places have not yet put the plan into operation, the Board feels that there is much to encourage the Diocese.

The Board would respectfully urge upon the Council the necessity of some measures by which the plan may be put into operation in every place in the Diocese. We feel confident that if the plan is faithfully worked during the ensuing year eight hundred dollars can be raised. The Board would suggest that it might be well to call the roll of the Parishes and Missions represented in this Council, and let those who will put it in operation answer to their names. We feel that the weal of the Church in the Diocese depends upon every Parish and Mission station putting the plan in operation and doing their pro rata share, be it much or little. In conclusion, the

Board expresses its sincere thanks to Almighty God for the success with which has crowned its efforts, and trusts that there is a brighter outlook for the Diocese the coming year in respect of its mission field than ever before.

Respectfully submitted, W. T. ALLEN,
Secretary Board of Managers.

On motion, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of the Board.

The Rev. Mr. Allen read the report of Mr. P. K. Roots, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund (see Appendix III), which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Mr. A. F. Adams, as business manager of the Diocesan paper, "The Arkansas Missionary," read the following report which, on motion, was accepted:

To the Board of Missions:

I herewith submit my report as Business Manager of the Arkansas Missionary.

Two issues of the paper have been printed and distributed to members of the Church throughout the State, at the following expense as per the Treasurer's report

Printing last issue	$13 50
Mailing same	2 00
Printing and mailing second issue	13 50
Total expense for the two issues	$29 00

To offset this, advertisements to the amount of $46.50 have been received, $16.50 of which has already been paid. Subscriptions to the amount of $2.25 and donations to cover the expense of mailing the paper to amount of $7 have also been paid in from the different Parishes. This makes a total of earnings and donations to the support of the paper to date of $55.75, $25.75 of which has been paid. Allowing that the two next issues will cost as much as the two first, the income already secured shows the paper only lacks $2.50 of being self-supporting. Undoubtedly enough more subscriptions will be secured to make up this small amount.

Respectfully submitted, A. F. ADAMS,
Business Manager.

Mr. J. J. Hornor moved that the roll of Parishes be called for pledges to the support of Diocesan Missions. Carried.

The Secretary calling the roll, the following pledges were received:

St. John's, Camden	$ 60 00
St. James', Eureka Springs	25 00
Mission of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City	19 00

St. John's, Fort Smith	90 00
St. John's, Helena	100 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	100 00
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	75 00
St. Philip's, Little Rock	12 00
St. Andrew's, Marianna	16 00
St. Agnes', Morrilton	10 00
Trinity, Van Buren	50 00
Total	$557 00

The Rev. Mr. Allen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council be requested to appoint a Missionary meeting with addresses, to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock.

On being put to vote, the resolution was not adopted. The vote being called for it was again lost by the following vote: Ayes, 3; nays, 12.

On motion, the Board of Missions proceeded to the election of a Board of Managers for the ensuing year. The Rev. Mr. Allen and Mr. George W. Rogers were appointed tellers, who reported the following to have been elected:

Rev. C. H. Lockwood,	Mr. J. J. Hornor,
Rev. John Davis,	Mr. A. F. Adams,
Rev. W. T. Allen,	Mr. J. A. Reeves.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions recommend to the Council that Section 3, Canon IV, Title III, be amended by inserting the words "one at a time" after the word "elected," and the words "by ballot" after the word "Council."

Adopted.

Mr. Arthur F. Adams was elected Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

Dr. W. B. Welch moved that a Misionary meeting be held to-night after the meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Carried.

On motion, the Board of Missions adjourned.

The Council being called to order by the President, Messrs.

George W. Rogers and F. P. R. Ellis were at their request excused from further attendance at the Council.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTVILLE,
Friday, April 27, 1894.

The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Davis and Lockwood.

Immediately after the service the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Bishop read the remainder of his Annual Address.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner moved that that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the Episcopate Fund be referred to a special committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen, and to report to this Council

The Bishop appointed as such Committee the Rev. John Davis and Messrs. S. S. Faulkner and R. V. McCracken.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner read an additional report from the Auditing and Finance Committee, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

We, your Auditing and Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Board of Missions and find the same correct so far as we can ascertain. St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, claim that they have paid $15.20 in addition to the amount reported by the Treasurer. The amount contributed from the whole Diocese is largely in excess of that given in former years, and hereby shows that the plan adopted at our last Council was a wise one. Respectfully submitted, S. S. FAULKNER,
A. F. ADAMS,
Committee.

On motion, the above report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The Bishop read the following letter of invitation from the President of the Arkansas Industrial University:

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., April 26, 1894.

To the Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: I have the honor to extend to yourself and the members of the Diocesan Council now in session in the town of Fayetteville a cordial invitation to visit the Arkansas Industrial University at such time as may be to you and them most convenient. Very truly,

JOHN L. BUCHANAN,
President Arkansas Industrial University.

On motion, the above invitation was accepted, with thanks, for Saturday at 3 p. m.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

The Committee on Unfinished Business finds on page 21 of the Journal of 1893, that the Secretary was directed to notify all delinquent Parishes of their indebtedness, and to inquire if they recognized their obligation to pay the assessments made on them by the Council.

On page 26 we find a proposed amendment to the Constitution, which must be ratified by this Council to become law.

On page 27, we find that a recommendation made by the Committee on Ways and Means, to separate the assessment for expenses of the Diocese from the assessment for the increase of the Episcopate Fund was deferred for the consideration of the Twenty-second Annual Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MILLER,
R. V. McCRACKEN,
Committee.

After the Litany and prayers for the Missions of the Church, on motion, a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 27.

The Council reassembled at 2 p. m., and was called to order by the Bishop.

The Rev. Dr. James read the report of the Committee on Ways and Means. (See Appendix VI.)

Mr. A. F. Adams moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. J. J. Hornor offered as an amendment that the assessments be reduced 30 per cent. Adopted.

The vote being taken on the original resolution as amended it was adopted, and the assessments reduced accordingly.

Mr. J. J. Hornor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That 90 per cent. of the dues from Parishes for unpaid assessments for the necessary expenses of the Diocese be, and the same are hereby, remitted.

Adopted.

The Rev. C. H. Lockwood, from the Committee on Constitution and Canons, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all matters of amendment to the Canons which have been referred to this committee be referred back to the Council, with the recommendation that the entire Canon law of the Diocese be referred to a special committee for revision, the committee to report to the next Annual Council.

and moved its adoption.

Rev. Mr. Vaulx offered as an amendment that the committe be instructed to codify the Canons, and to suggest any amendments they may deem necessary. Adopted.

A vote being taken on the resolution as amended, it wa adopted.

It was moved and seconded that such committee consist two Clergymen and two Laymen. Carried.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner read the report of the special committe on that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the Episcopate Fund, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

We, your committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address relating to the increase of the permanent Episcopate Fund, offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee of the Diocese acting in conjunction with the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, shall devise such plans for raising the permanent Episcopate Endowment Fund as they may deem necessary, and said Standing Committee shall have full power and authority with the consent of the Bishop to appoint an agent or agents to canvass the Diocese and use their best efforts to raise said Fund."

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. FAULKNER,
R. V. McCRACKEN,

On motion, the report with resolution, as recommended, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Allen read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church. (See Appendix V.)

It was moved and seconded that a session be held to-night at 8 o'clock for the election of Trustees and other officers of the Council. Carried.

On motion, a recess was taken until 8 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 27.

The Council reassembled at 8 o'clock and was called to order by the Bishop.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Treasurer of the Diocese, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the Council for the election of Mr. P. K. Roots as Treasurer. The vote being cast, Mr. Roots was declared to be duly elected.

In the same manner Mr. S. S. Faulkner, was re-elected Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, Mr. P. K. Roots Treasurer of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, and Mr. Geo. H. Van Etten, Registrar of the Diocese.

Nominations being in order for the office of Chancellor of the Diocese, the Rev. Mr. Allen nominated Mr. Chas. D. James; The Rev. Dr. James nominated Mr. John H. Rodgers, and Mr. A. F. Adams nominated Mr. Wm. G. Whipple.

The Rev. Mr. Allen and Mr. A. F. Adams were appointed tellers, who reported that Mr. Wm. G. Whipple had received a majority of the votes cast. Whereupon, the President declared Mr. Wm. G. Whipple to be the Chancellor of the Diocese for the ensuing three years.

It being necessary to elect two members of the Judiciary Committee, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the Council for the election of Mr. John H. Rodgers and Mr. Chas. D. James. The ballot being cast, Messrs. Rodgers and James were declared to be duly elected.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Deputies and Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention. It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the Clergy for the election of the following Clerical Deputies: The Rev. Messrs. C. H. Lockwood, W. J. Miller, J. J. Vaulx and John Davis.

In the same manner the ballot was cast for the Lay members of the Council for the election of the following Lay Deputies: Messrs. George G. Latta, C. E. Ratcliff, H. M. Grant and W. B. Welch, M. D.

The Supplementary Deputies were elected in the same manner, as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTIES.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. R. S. James, D. D.	Mr. J. A. Reeves.
Rev. D. B. Ramsay.	Mr. John H. Rodgers.
Rev. Dr. Potter.	Mr. W. M. Scarborough.
Rev. W. T. Allen.	Mr. L. Minor.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the Council for the election of the Rev. Dr. Potter as Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

Nominations being in order for the election of one Clerical and one Lay Deputy to the Missionay Council, the Rev. D. B. Ramsay and the Rev. Dr. James were nominated for Clerical Deputy, and Mr. R. V. McCracken and Mr. J. A. Reeves for Lay Deputy. The ballot being taken, the tellers reported that the Rev. Dr. James and Mr. R. V. McCracken had been duly elected to represent the Diocese in the Missionary Council.

On motion, a recess was taken until Saturday morning at 9 o'clook.

FOURTH DAY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,
Saturday, April 28, 1894.

The Council reassembled on Saturday at 9 a. m. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Flowers and Miller. Immediately after the service the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

The Rev. Mr. Allen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council do hereby tender to the Rector and Parish of St. Paul's, and other citizens of Fayetteville, its grateful appreciation of and sincere thanks for the graceful hospitality which they have extended to the members of this body.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on the Wednesday after the first Sunday in May, 1895.

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Allen moved that the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay the sum of ten ($10) dollars to the sexton of St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, for services rendered. Carried.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to report at the next Annual Council, was appointed as follows:

Clerical:

Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Rev. W. T. Allen.

Lay:

Dr. W. B. Welch, Mr. John H. Rodgers.

On motion, the consideration of the amendment to the Constitution approved by the last Council was postponed until the next Annual Council.

The Rev. C. H. Lockwood moved that the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay to the Secretary of the Council the sum of fifty ($50) dollars, in recognition of his services. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood also offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council hereby directs the Treasurer of the Diocese, after paying costs of printing and distributing the Journal of Proceedings and paying assessment of the General Convention, to transfer to the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund whatever, if any, Diocesan funds are remaining in his hands, excepting and reserving only $50 for incidental expenses, and such additional amount as the President of the Standing Committee may estimate will be required for paying expenses of clerical members attending meetings of such committee.

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Allen offerred the following resolution:

Resolved. That Section 1, Canon II, Title IV, be amended by adding "Article II," to read as follows:

"This Canon is applicable to and binding on all Parishes now existing in the Diocese, and cannot be altered or amended except by action of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas."

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Bruce offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church, Phillips County, be notified by the Secretary of the Diocese that unless the property be granted to the Diocese in fee simple, it will be no longer reported in the Journal of the Diocese on the list of Parishes.

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Flowers offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of Parochial Report be amended as follows:

1. Add after the words "No. Baptized Persons," the words "on the Parish Register."

2. Strike out the word "actual" before the word communicant, and place as the next item the words, "No. of persons who have communicated during the past year."

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Allen moved that the title of Canon II, Title IV, be amended to read as follows: "Form for Organization of Parishes," and that in the opening sentence of section 1 the word "new" be stricken out Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Vaulx moved that the Constitution and Canons be printed with the Journal, and that the Secretary be instructed to have five hundred copies printed. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Flowers moved that the Secretary be in-ucted to have printed the report of the Committee on Con-tution and Canons, and to distribute the same to members the Council at least two months before the meeting of the xt Annual Council. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Cabaniss reported from the Committee on New ırishes that no applications had been received.

The time having arrived for the election for Preacher of ɔuncil Sermon for 1895, the Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss was nomi-ıted and elected, and the Rev. Geo. W. Flowers was elected ternate.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet on Sunday im-ıediately after the evening service.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,
Fifth Sunday after Easter, 1894.

The Council reassembled, and after evening service and ser-ɔn by the Rev. D. B. Ramsay, was called to order, the shop presiding.

On motion, the thanks of the Council were returned to the ı nagers of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, the St. Louis & n Francisco Railway, and the Eureka Springs Railroad, for urtesies extended in granting reduced rates to the members the Council.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay offered the following resolution:

esolved, That the Secretary of the Council be directed to request the Chan-or and the Judiciary Committee of this Diocese, to examine and inform the ıncil as to the steps to be taken in order that the Diocese or Council of the ɔcese of Arkansas may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas, l to report to the next Annual Council. Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Vaulx moved that the Bishop and Secretary : requested to correct and prepare the minutes for publica-ɔn. Carried.

There being no further business, the Council, on motion,

after prayers by the Bishop and the bestowal of his blessing, adjourned *sine die*.

W. J. MILLER,
Secretary.

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

APPENDIX I.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COUNCIL.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We meet to-day in the Twenty-second Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, and notwithstanding the depressed financial condition of the whole country for the past year, a condition from which it has not yet risen, I do not think that, in the retrospect of the past, or in the outlook of the future, there is anything to discourage us. We have not, as a Diocese, made great strides onward, but we have progressed.

At our meeting a year ago, the Parishes of Trinity Church, Van Buren; Trinity Church, Pine Bluff; St. Paul's Church, Batesville; St. Paul's Church, Newport; St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, and St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring, were without pastoral oversight. Now the Rectorship at Van Buren is filled by the Rev. G. W. Flowers, received on Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Nebraska; the Rectorship at Pine Bluff is filled by the Rev. Charles E. Cabaniss, received on Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Georgia; the united Rectorships at Batesville and Newport are filled by the Rev. James W. Keeble, received on Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Virginia. St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, is now ministered to by the Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, whom I made a Deacon, on St. Stephen's Day, 1893. I have received notice that the Rev. Mr. Williams, of Missouri, called to fill the vacancy at Mammoth Spring, is about to enter at once upon his labors. The Rev. A. W. Pierce, who gave much assistance at the Cathedral and at St. Philip's during the summer and autumn of last year, presented to me Letters Dismissory from the Diocese of Alabama, and soon after received from me Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Texas. The Rev. Herbert Edwards, who was doing some missionary work in this Dio-

cese last year, has now removed beyond the bounds of Ark sas, but his name still appears on our Clergy list, as he has yet applied for Letters Dimissory. His present addres unknown to me. But I expect a report from him, as it Clergyman's duty to make a yearly report to the Bishop of Diocese to which he is canonically attached, whether he h a cure therein or not, and whether he is actually resident not. This is required by the Canons of the General Con tion. We see, from this statement, that the increase in c ical force since the Council of 1893 has been very considera

In closing this portion of my address, my heart will allow me to pass unnoticed the sad affliction that has darke the life of the senior Priest of this Diocese, the Rev. C Bruce. She who was many years his closest companion the wife of his youth has been called to Paradise. Selc does so saintly a character leave this world for the better (She was a noble Christian woman, faithful in all the relati of life, beloved by all who knew her, and triumphant in death. May the Comforter that proceedeth from the Fa sustain our dear brother and his family under this great reavement.

In looking over the list of Diocesan officers which prefa the Journal of the Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Cc cil of the Diocese of Arkansas, I find two names which h long stood on that list, but which will appear there no more. mention them in the order in which their names stood on list, and have stood for years.

Mr. Logan H. Roots, Treasurer of the Diocese; the H M. L. Bell, Chancellor—such is the order in which t appeared on our records. Such is the order in which they enrolled on the records of Paradise. They were both well and widely known, both were men of national reputat The places which they occupied in the Diocese and in State of Arkansas will be hard to fill again as they filled th Both of them were my personal friends; I knew them and I knew, partially at least, their great worth. For ne

a quarter of a century I was in close contact with them, and I claim to have a clearer insight into their true characters than they can possibly have who saw them but at a distance, or were acquainted with them only, as it were, by hearsay.

Col. Roots departed this life on the thirtieth day of May, 1893. He had been ill but a few days and appeared to be slightly better on the morning of the day before. Later in the day he became suddenly worse and his mind began to wander. At 1:20 p. m., May 30, he expired. On the first day of June the funeral services were held in Trinity Cathedral by myself, assisted by the Dean. The thousands that filled every seat, occupied every foot of standing room in the edifice and crowded around the door, testified that the citizens of Little Rock were aware that the city had suffered a great loss and that the mortal remains of no common man were on the way to their lasting resting place.

I shall not here attempt to give a biographical sketch of Col. Roots' career from the cradle to the grave. I wish to briefly speak of him as I knew him, as the able business man, the clear-headed and far-seeing financier, as the public-spirited citizen, as the promoter of sound aud promising enterprises for developing the natural wealth and useful industries of the State, as the fosterer of charitable and benevolent schemes, as the advocate and aider of city and State improvements. To no man is the capital of Arkansas so much indebted for her substantial increase in extent, in beauty and in comfort, as she is to Col. Logan H. Roots. His helping hand was ever held out to every undertaking which looked to the public improvement of the city that he loved. To his generosity, Christ Church, Little Rock, owes in large measure the beautiful edifice in which they now worship, and Trinity Cathedral has also been a recipient of his bounties.

But Col. Roots' reputation as a public man was not confined to Arkansas; it was national. When Gen. Harrison was elected to the presidency and was forming his Cabinet, there was not a newspaper of any standing, without regard to political

bias, which did not urge Col. Roots' name for a position in tha body. No stronger proof could be given of the public confi dence of the whole Southland in this man's ability and integ rity of character.

The Masonic bodies, which, next to the Church of God, ar probably the staunchest advocates and the strongest promot ers of morality and a high sense of honor, testified to the sam thing by electing him to the most exalted positions known t the Order.

So much for the public life of our friend and brother mus suffice for this occasion, though much more could be said.

We turn now to that life less known to the world at large and, after my long acquaintance with him, I here avow that i is my firm conviction, that few gentlemen of Col. Roots' posi tion and wealth will present at the day of judgment the recor of a private life as spotless as his was. His mind was a finely balanced one. He had great power of self-control. I neve witnessed in him any of those outbursts of temper or manifes tations of impatience which many good men are at times liabl to. He was always the courteous gentleman. Every true gen tleman feels it a degradation to defend himself against aspe sions of his character. He will be silent where the guilty ma will be loud-mouthed in his protestations of innocence. Eve in those ruder ages, when the slightest insult from an equ was likely to be wiped out with blood in the deadly duello, man of knightly rank and soul would pass serenely along, a regardless of the villifying hooting of the mob as he was the cur barking at his heels. In such a case, Col. Roots' silenc was prompted by a sense of his own dignity, his own rectitud and his honorable pride. When pelted with mud he could n soil his hands by throwing mud in return. Every gentlema can understand his action and sympathize with his feelings- whether baser minds do or not matters very little.

Col. Roots was a man of strong and honest political opi ions. That he was thoroughly honest in these opinions is ver obvious, from the fact that he adhered to them consistentl

when it would have been, so far as we can judge, more to his worldly advantage to change them and bring himself into greater harmony with his surroundings. For the attempts to depreciate him sprang from two sources, generally speaking; from political antagonisms, and from envy at his success. The former he might have closed at once, had he been less steadfast in his principles.

But let me say here, that however acrid and venomous the assaults made on him, he bore them as a devout Christian, and trusted his vindication to God. I never heard a bitter word or unkind remark from his mouth against his worst enemies. I am glad to add, that however much these unjust assaults may have saddened his life, they really did him no social harm. Never was his reputation higher or his influence greater than at the date of his death.

He died at peace with God and at peace with the world. I pray God that the Holy Spirit may so change the hearts of his vilifiers that they may at last stand before their Maker with as true a heart, as clean hands, and as good a conscience, as I believe Logan H. Roots now does. And I pray this for all, the malicious as well as the misguided.

Of Col. M. L. Bell I shall say less, not because there is less to be said, but because there is less need of saying it on this occasion.

Thursday night, September 21, 1893, at 10:30 o'clock, I received a telephone message from Pine Bluff, saying Col. Bell was very ill, and asking me to hasten to him by the next train. At 8:50 a. m. Friday I took the Valley Route train, and arrived at Col. Bell's residence about 11 o'clock a. m. The Colonel was very low, but he recognized me, and on inquiring whether he would like to receive the Holy Communion, he replied: "Yes, whenever the Bishop is ready." At 1 p. m. I administered to him that blessed sacrament. The reception of the Holy Communion was almost the last conscious act of his earthly life. Soon after that his mind began to wander, and he continued in this state during the remainder of the day and through

the succeeding night, during which time I was with him. At five minutes past 8 o'clock, on Saturday morning, September 23, 1893, I said over him the commendatory prayer as his soul departed for a better world. On Sunday, September 24, at 4:30 p. m., assisted by the Rev. David L. Trimble, I officiated at the funeral, which was from Trinity Church, of which Church he was largely the founder and earnest supporter for twenty-four years; and just as the sun sank below the western horizon, I committed to its last earthly resting place, dust to dust, ashes to ashes, the mortal body of Marcus L. Bell, Chancellor of the Diocese of Arkansas. As the grave closed over his mortal remains, a deep sorrow fell upon the hearts of the large assembly that had crowded and more than filled the Church, and sadly followed the hearse to the cemetery. All felt that the City of Pine Bluff had lost its grandest and most prominent citizen, the State of Arkansas one of her noblest sons, Trinity Church one of the most devout, consistent, earnest and liberal-handed of her members, and the Diocese of Arkansas one of her wisest and ablest counselors; and I felt, as doubtless did many others, that I was bereaved of one of the truest and most trusty friends I have ever had.

For nearly twenty-four years Col. Bell's home has been like a second home to me. Its doors were ever open to me and a cordial welcome ready to greet me. I knew him in his family as one of the wisest, most considerate, tenderest and most devoted of husbands and fathers. Those who did not know him in his home relations failed to see one of the finest phases of his true manliness. Of all the men I have known, I recall none who excelled Col. Bell in physical, mental, social, moral and æsthetic composition. There was no trace of pettiness about him. He was great every way. His mind was poised to a nicety. As a lawyer, he was well read in his profession and an eloquent advocate; as a citizen, he was public-spirited and unselfish; as a Churchman, he was well-informed, devout, catholic and tolerant; as a debater, he was the fairest opponent, and the most dispassionate arguer I ever listened to; as

a gentleman, he was courteous, cheerful, forbearing, patient. He was as frank as the noonday; no low cunning lurked in his soul. He was one of God's noblemen, faithful and true in every relation of life. The name of M. L. Bell will live long in Arkansas and be the synonym of all that is manly and true. While we miss his presence and lament his loss, we hold his memory in pious remembrance.

From the reminiscences of our honored dead, we, as living and responsible actors, come back to the consideration of matters pertaining to this world.

During the past year I have sold the Church lot in the Town of Arkadelphia. More than twenty years ago we purchased a lot in that town and erected the shell of a Church upon it. The mission was a promising one, but the most active members removed from the place and from the State. The building went to decay. The few members left, discouraged or indifferent, gave no attention to it, and seemed to take no interest in it. The building became desecrated and no one interfered to prevent it. At last it was illegally taxed and sold for taxes. It was subsequently redeemed at my expense, no one being willing to spend a few dollars for that purpose. Then, the Parish having ceased to exist, and the property vesting in me in trust, I resolved to sell it, and I did so, for the sum of $500, and this money I took and freed St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, from mortgage. You will ask by what right I made this disposition of the funds? I answer. More than twenty years ago I loaned to that congregation $250 from a fund at my disposal for aiding Church building in Arkansas. This money was to be returned in regular installments, in order to be used again for a like purpose. The original fund was $500. I loaned one-half to St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville. That was duly paid back, and I gave it towards the building of the Church at Dardanelle. From Arkadelphia, where the other $250 had been placed, nothing was returned, yet with accumulated interest at legal rates, the same was quadrupled. I therefore deemed it right to bestow the money obtained from the

sale of the lot as I did. St. Philip's Church and small Rectory is now free from debt and has been legally transferred by myself, as trustee, to the Rector, Wardens aud Vestry of that Parish; and the Parish once at Arkadelphia is extinct and without property, and will no longer appear on our list. This is a full explanation of the transaction in this case; an explanation which I make for your information, not asking for your approval, as the matter was one entirely under my own control.

From the dead we turn once more to the living; from an extinct Parish to the improvements made in the active ones. Though spiritual advancement is more important than material and financial increase, yet the true order in nature and in grace is ever, first the natural, then the spiritual.

First, I announce that Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, is now out of debt. For this our thanks are due to the noble generosity of Col. Logan H. Roots, who has relieved from this Diocesan Church the last mortgage resting on it. I return my personal thanks, as I hardly expected to be relieved of my long anxiety so soon. A small debt still rests upon the Deanery, but this is already provided for, and is being gradually extinguished by monthly payments into a building association. The debt on St. Luke's, Hot Springs, has been much reduced during the past year. Trinity Church, Van Buren, is freed from all encumbrances and is ready for consecration. The Guild Hall, attached to and greatly improving St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, is completed and paid for.

St. John's Church, Helena, has, through the generosity of Mrs. Naomi Hays Moore, established a Church Home for Girls, "the Ophelia Polk Moore Home." It bears the name of Mrs. Moore's much-lamented daughter. It is now in successful operation, and the Parish of St. John's is nobly sustaining and carrying on the work. But scarcely had the bereaved mother completed this memorial of her lovely and much-loved daughter, than she was called away from her lonely and sorrow-stricken life to the rest and joys of the better world, and after blessing the world, during her pilgrimage here, she left a bless-

ing behind her as she departed. She left by will to the Parish of St. John's one-third of her estate. This munificent gift insures the new and larger Church, so much needed by this active and flourishing Parish.

The Church at Forrest City, of which the foundation was laid last year, is now in the process of erection, and in the course of a few months will be so near to completion as to be available for services. The little band of Churchmen there have worked heroically to secure a house of worship, and God is blessing their efforts.

Even these external improvements are proofs of increasing spiritual vitality in the Diocese. But more direct evidence of this is shown in the greater number of services held, and specially in the more frequent celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. I think the observation of Lent has been better, and the attendance on the Lenten services larger than ever before, and that the good work done has been, by God's blessing, productive of fruit, is manifested in the fact that the number confirmed is sixty-four more than it was last year.

As we consider these facts we have great reason to hope for the future. But to my mind the most encouraging feature in the past year's work is the successful operation of the scheme for extending the Church in this Diocese. The formation of a Board of Missions and the declaration that every member of the church is to be regarded, from the very fact of his or her membership in the body of Christ, as a member of the missionary organization, has proved to be the beginning of a new era. I can truly say that the plan adopted has succeeded. But the success would have been far greater had every Parish and missionary station carried out in detail the plan adopted by the Council. My dear brethren, the Church in Arkansas may grow stronger by the strengthening of the Parishes already established, but the hope of spreading the Church here is based on the hoped-for growth of our missionary society. Every Parish should co-operate in this work. I see nothing of greater importance in the immediate future than this. Everything,

humanly speaking, depends on our pressing forward with all our energy in our missionary enterprises.

That you may partly know how I have been employed since we last met in Council, I here append, according to general custom, an outline of my official acts during the past year.

ABSTRACT OF BISHOP'S JOURNAL.

My last report ended with the date April 11, 1893.

April 12, Wednesday: At 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Helena, I said the Communion Office, Rev. C. A. Bruce reading the Epistle; the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., preached. I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Bruce. After the service I called to order the Twenty-first Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas. At 3 p. m. I read my Annual *Address*. At 8 p. m., after Evening Prayer said, the Very Rev. John Davis preached and I closed.

April 13, Thursday: I presided in the Council all day. At night I attended a reception given to the Council by the Ladies' Guild of the Parish.

April 14, Friday: Presided in the Council all day. At 8 p. m., I presided at a Missionary Meeting and made an *address*.

April 15, Saturday: I presided in the Council till 1 p. m., when an adjournment was made to Sunday night after services. At 8 p. m., I attended Evening Prayer, the Very Rev. J. J. Vaulx preached and I closed.

April 16, Sunday: The second after Easter. At 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, after Morning Prayer, I said the Communion Office, the Very Rev. C. H. Lockwood reading the Epistle and the Very Rev. J. J. Valux the Gospel. The Rev. W. T. Allen preached and *I celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Vaulx. At 3 p. m., I *confirmed* in private a sick man (1 male). At 8 p. m., in St. John's Church, I preached and *confirmed* one person (1 female). After the service I called the Council to order, made a short *address* and adjourned the Council *sine die*.

April 17, Monday: At 9 a. m., I *celebrated the Holy Eucha-*

rist in St. John's Church. At 10 a. m., I presided at a meeting of the newly created Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions.

April 19, Wednesday: At 11 a. m., I *consecrated* St. Agnes Church, Morrilton, Arkansas. Of the Clergy there were present, the Rev. Dr. Potter, the Rector; the Rev. Dr. James, the Very Rev. J. J. Vaulx and the Rev. Wm. J. Miller. The Senior Warden, Dr. Scarborough, read the Instrument of Donation. The Rev. Dr. Potter read the Sentence of Consecration. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Miller, the Rev. Dr. James reading the lessons. I said the Communion Office, the Rev. Dr. James being the Epistolar, and the Rev. Dr. Potter the Gospeler. Dean Vaulx preached, and I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* alone. At 8 p. m., after Evening Prayer said by Rev. Dr. Potter, and a sermon by the Rev. Wm. J. Miller, I *confirmed* one person (1 female).

April 23, Sunday: The third after Easter. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached*. At 5 p. m., I said Evening Prayer, Dean Davis reading the Lessons.

April 25, Tuesday: St. Mark's Day, at 10 a. m., I *consecrated* St. Mark's Church, Hope, Arkansas. Clergy present—Rev. Palin Saxby, Rector; the Very Rev. John Davis, the Rev. Wm. J. Miller, and the Rev. D. B. Ramsay. Capt. West read the Instrument of Donation. The Rev. Palin Saxby read the Sentence of Consecration. The Rev. D. B. Ramsay said Morning Prayer. Dean Davis read the Lessons. I said the Communion Office, Dean Davis being the Epistolar and the Rev. Palin Saxby Gospeler. The Rev. Wm. J. Miller preached the Sermon, and I *celebrated* the Holy Eucharist. At 4:30 I attended Evening Prayer and closed. Dean Davis preached. At night we all attended a festival given by the ladies of the Parish.

April 26, Wednesday: At 8 p. m., in St. Mark's Church, Hope, after Evening Prayer said by the Rev. Palin Saxby, I *preached* and *confirmed* one person (1 female).

April 27, Thursday: At 8 p. m., I *preached* in Grace Church, Washington.

April 28, Friday: At 8 p. m., I *preached* in the Church of the Redeemer, Nashville.

April 29, Saturday: I gave *Letters Dimissory* to the Rev. J. Taylor Chambers, transferring him to the Diocese of Ohio.

April 30, Sunday: The fourth after Easter, at 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* At 3 p. m., I went to the same Church, but a very heavy rain prevented the assembling of a congregation.

May 7, Sunday: The fifth after Easter, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *made an address* on Diocesan Missions, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* The Very Rev. the Dean said the rest of the service and preached. At 3 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached, confirmed* three persons (one male and two females), and *addressed* the class.

May 11, Thursday: Ascension Day, at 11 a. m., I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock. The Dean officiated.

May 14, Sunday: After Ascension, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached.* At 5 p. m., I said Evening Prayer.

May 15, Monday: I this day gave my *canonical consent* to the consecration of the Rev. F. R. Graves to be Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, China; and to the consecration of the Rev. Thomas McKim to be Missionary Bishop of Yeddo, Japan.

May 21, Sunday: Whit-Sunday, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, I said the Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

May 25, Thursday: I this day executed a deed transferring St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of that Parish. The said Church is now freed from debt and all incumbrances. I gave notice to the tax assessor that this property is no longer liable to taxation. How I was enabled to pay off the indebtedness of St. Philip's will be told elsewhere in my address.

May 28, Sunday: Trinity Sunday, at 11 a. m., in Trinity

Cathedral, Little Rock, Dean Davis said Morning Prayer, read the Epistle and assisted at the Holy Communion. I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5. p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer and made an *address* on the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's and its work.

June 1, Thursday: At 4 p. m., assisted by the Dean, I officiated at the funeral of the much-lamented Col. Logan H. Roots. The services were in Trinity Cathedral and the interment in Oakland Cemetery. I shall have other words to say concerning the loss of this prominent citizen of the State and earnest Christian man.

June 4, Sunday: The first after Trinity, at 11 a. m, in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I assisted in saying Morning Service. Rev. Dr. Howard preached the Baccalaureate Sermon, and Bishop Quintard celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 4 p. m., I *preached* at the Colored Mission, and, at the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, *confirmed* two persons (2 females), and *addressed* the class. At 7:30 p. m., in St. Peter's Church, I *confirmed*, by permission of the Bishop, a young lady from Newport, Ark., and this confirmation is registered for St. Paul's, Newport. Bishop Quintard preached and confirmed a large class.

June 7, Wednesday: Commencement Day at the Columbia Institute. The Rev. Mr. Fitzsimmons, of Birmingham, Alabama, delivered the oration, an able one, and the Bishop of Tennessee delivered the diplomas. At 1 p. m., at the Institute, I attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

June 11, Sunday: The second after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., after Morning Prayer said by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Metcalf, I said the Litany and *preached.* At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* again.

June 18, Sunday: The third after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service and *preached.* At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

June 20, Tuesday: At 2:15 p. m., in St. Paul's Church,

Newport, I *joined in Holy Matrimony* William A. Billingsley and Miss Lillie Eugenie Givens. At 8 p. m., I *preached* in the same Church, and *confirmed* one person (1 female), and *made an address.*

June 21, Wednesday: I gave my written *consent* to Trinity Parish, Pine Bluff, to sell the present Rectory and buy another nearer the Church.

June 25, Sunday: The fourth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service. At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 2, Sunday: The fifth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector.

July 6, Thursday: I *gave my canonical* consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Copers to be Coadjutor Bishop of South Carolina, and to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Gailor to be Coadjutor Bishop of Tennessee.

July 9, Sunday: The sixth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I assisted in saying Morning Service and *preached.*

July 16, Sunday: The seventh after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I said Morning Service and *preached.*

July 23, Sunday: The eighth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's, Columbia, Tenn., I said Morning Service, *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

July 25, Tuesday: I *married* a couple in Columbia, Tenn.

July 30, Sunday: The ninth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Peter's, Columbia, Tenn., I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 6, Sunday: The tenth after Trinity, the Rector being absent, and I being unexpectedly detained at Columbia over Sunday, no notices of service were given out.

August 9, Wednesday: Accepted Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Nebraska, presented by Rev. Geo. W. Flower and gave canonical notice thereof.

August 13, Sunday: The eleventh after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached;* at 6 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

August 20 Sunday: The twelfth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office and *preached*, and, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Pierce, *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 6 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

August 27, Sunday: The thirteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, the Rev. A. W. Pierce said the Service and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and I *preached.* At 6 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

September 3, Sunday. The fourteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m., I said Evening Prayer.

September 10, Sunday: The fifteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m. I said evening prayer.

September 17, Sunday: The sixteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, after Morning Prayer said by Dean Davis, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

September 22, Friday: At his residence in Pine Bluff, I *administered the Holy Communion* to Col. M. L. Bell, Chancellor of the Diocese of Arkansas.

September 23, Saturday: At five minutes past 8 o'clock a. m., I commended to its Maker and Heavenly Father the departing soul of my much loved friend, Marcus L. Bell, concerning whom words will be found elsewhere in this address.

September 24, Sunday: The seventeenth after Trinity, at 9.30 a. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, I *addressed* the Sunday School. At 11 a. m., I said the Litany and Communion Office and *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 2.30 p. m., I *confirmed* five persons (five females). At 4.30 p.

m, assisted by the Rev. D. L. Trimble, I officiated in Trinity Church and at the grove at the funeral of Col. Marcus Lafayette Bell.

September 29, Friday: Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Dr. Chesir to be Coadjutor Bishop of North Carolina.

October 1, Sunday: The eighteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean.

October 8, Sunday: The nineteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the Morning Service. At 4 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached*, *confirmed* four persons (one male, three females), and *addressed* the class.

October 15, Sunday: The twentieth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 4.30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

October 18, Wednesday: St. Luke's Day, at 10 a. m., attended the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral and received.

October 22, Sunday: The twenty-first after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the Morning Service.

October 23, Monday: At 3 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *confirmed* one person (one female).

October 25, Wednesday: Examined a candidate for Diocesan Orders

October 28, Saturday: St. Simon's and St. Jude's Day, at 10 a. m., I attended the celebration in the Cathedral, and received.

October 29, Sunday: The twenty-second after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* at Morning Service. At 4:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

nber 1, Wednesday: All Saints' Day, at 10 a. m., I
l the celebration in the Cathedral, and received.
nber 3, Friday: I this day gave my canonical consent
change of the Rectory property of Trinity Church,
ff. The scheme to which I gave my consent some
failed to be executed.
nber 5, Sunday: The twenty-third after Trinity, at 11
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy*
st, assisted by the Dean. At 4:30 p. m., I assisted in
Evening Prayer.
nber 8, Wednesday: At 8 p. m., in St. Mark's
Hope, I *joined* in *holy matrimony*, being assisted by
. Palin Saxby, James Lawrence Boyd and Miss Edna
Barlow, after which I *baptized* in private a child.
nber 9, Thursday: At 3:30 p. m., I was present at
l examination of Mr. Isaiah P. Daniels for Deacon's
after which I presided at the Quarterly Meeting of the
n Board of Missions. These events took place in Little

nber 12, Sunday: The twenty-fourth after Trinity, at
., in Trinity Cathedral, after Morning Service said by
. A. W. Pierce, I *preached*. At 4:30, I assisted in say-
ning Prayer.
nber 19, Sunday: The twenty-fifth after Trinity, at
, in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached*. The Rev.
'ierce said the service and celebrated the Holy Eucha-
t 4:30, I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.
nber 26, Sunday: The next before Advent, at 11
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, assisted in saying the
; Service.
mber 30, Thursday: St. Andrews Day, and the Na-
Thanksgiving, I was prevented by an attack of the
rom attending the services. I this day accepted the
Dimissory presented by the Rev. A. W. Pierce from
ocese of Alabama, and gave canonical notice of my

acceptance. And I this day gave to the Rev. A. W. Pi *Letters Dimissory* to the Diocese of Texas.

December 3, Sunday: The first in Advent. The day a cold one, and it was deemed prudent for me to rei housed all day.

December 6, Wednesday: I presided at a meeting of Chapter of the Cathedral held in my study.

December 8, Friday: I this day accepted the *Le Dimissory* from the Diocese of Virginia, presented by Rev. James W. Keeble, and gave canonical notice of my ceptance. This day also I accepted the *Letters Dimis* from the Diocese of Georgia, presented by the Rev. Ch E. Cabaniss, and gave canonical notice of said acceptance

December 10, Sunday: The second in Advent, at 11 a I attended Morning Service in Trinity Church, Van Buren severe cough prevented my assisting in the service.

December 17, Sunday: The third in Advent, at 11 a. n St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *preached* and *confirmed* persons (three males and three females), and *addressed* class. At 7:15, in Trinity Church, Van Buren, after Eve Prayer, said by the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Flowers, I *preac*

December 19, Tuesday: At 12 noon, in Fort Smith, I *firmed* in private a sick man. At 7:30 p. m., in St. Jo Church, I *preached* and *confirmed* one person (one fem This makes eight persons confirmed in this Parish during present visitation.

December 24, Sunday: The fourth in Advent, at 11 a in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached.* At 4 p. m., sisted in saying Evening Prayer.

December 25, Monday: Christmas Day, at 11 a. m., ir Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Ser preached and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

December 26, Tuesday: St. Stephen's Day, at 11 a. n the Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., I *preached* and *ordaine* the Deaconate, Isaiah P. Daniels. The Very Rev. John D Dean of Trinity Cathedral, presented the candidate, and I

rated the Holy Eucharist and administered alone, as the rubric seems to demand.

December 31, Sunday: After Christmas, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service. At 4 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

January 7, 1894, Sunday: The first after Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels, Deacon, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m., in the Cathedral, I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

January 14, Sunday: The second after Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in St. Mark's Church, Hope, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7 p. m., I *preached* and *confirmed* two persons (one male, one female), and made an *address.*

January 21, Sunday: Septuagesima, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the Morning Service and *preached.* At 3 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached* and *confirmed* three persons (one male, two females) and *addressed* the class.

January 25: St. Paul's Day. Weather intensely cold; no congregation. This is the anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate in 1870. I therefore enter to-day on the twenty-fifth year of my Episcopate.

January 28, Sunday: Sexagesima, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached.* At 4 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

January 31, Wednesday: At night I presided at a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter.

February 1, Thursday: I presided (at Little Rock) at a quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

February 4, Sunday: Quinquagesima, at 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer in Trinity Cathedral.

February 7, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, assisted by the Very Reverend, the Dean,

who said the rest of the service and preached, I *celebrated t* *Holy Eucharist.* A heavy rain prevented the assembling of congregation for Evening Service.

February 8, Thursday: Attended Evening Prayer in th Cathedral at 4 p. m.

February 11, Sunday: The first in Lent. At 11 a. m., Trinity Church, Van Buren, the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Flo ers, said the Ante-Communion. I *preached, confirmed* eleve person (2 males, 9 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrat the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:30 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fo Smith, I *preached* and *confirmed* one person (1 female).

February 18, Sunday: The second in Lent. At 11 a. in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, the Rector, the Rev. J. Vaulx, said the Litany and the Ante-Communion. I read t Gospel, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 m., I *preached* and *confirmed* eleven persons (2 males, females), and *addressed* the class.

February 19, Monday: At 3:30 p.m., in St. Paul's Chur Fayetteville, I *confirmed* one person (1 male). At 4 p. after Evening Prayer said by the Rector, I made an *address.*

February 20, Tuesday: At 5 p. m., I attended Eveni Prayer in Trinity Church, Van Buren.

February 24, Saturday: St. Matthew's Day. At 11 a. in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, I *lectured* and *celebrated the H Eucharist,* assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Charles E. Caban

February 25, Sunday: The third in Lent, at 11 a. m., in John's Church, Camden, I *preached, confirmed* five pers (2 males and 3 females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated Holy Eucharist,* assisted by the Rector, the Rev. D. B. Ra say. After service I *confirmed* in private a sick pers (1 female). At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* in the same Church.

February 26, Monday: At night I *confirmed* two pers (2 females—a lady and her daughter), and made an *address* confirmation, at Ogamaw, seventeen miles south of Camd The candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Ramsay, w has been holding missionary services at that point. The l

confirmed was formerly a parishioner of mine, in St. John's Church, Mobile, Alabama.

March 3, Saturday: At 5 p. m., in St. John's Church, Helena, after the Evening Prayer, said by the Rector, I *preached.*

March 4, Sunday: The fourth in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Helena, I *preached*, *confirmed* thirteen persons (5 males, 8 females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:30 p. m., I *preached.* After the service a missionary meeting was held and I made a short *address.*

March 6, Tuesday: At 4:30 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *lectured.*

March 7, Wednesday: At 4:30 p. m., I attended Lenten service in the Cathedral.

March 8, Thursday: At 4:30 p. m., I *lectured* in the Cathedral.

March 9, Friday: At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna.

March 10, Saturday: At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna.

March 11, Sunday: The fifth in Lent, at 11 a. m., in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. C. A. Bruce, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:30 p. m., in Forrest City, after the Evening Prayer, by Dean Lockwood and the Rev. Mr. Bruce, I *preached*, *confirmed* three persons (three females), and *addressed* the class.

March 12, Monday: At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* in Forrest City.

March 13, Tuesday: At 7:30 p. m., at Brinkley, I *confirmed* six persons (two males and four females) and *addressed* the class.

March 15, Thursday: At 4:30 p. m., I *lectured* in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

March 16, Friday: At 4:30 p. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I *confirmed* one person (one female).

March 18, Sunday: Palm Sunday, at 11 a. m., in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eu-*

charist, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Wm. J. Miller. At 3 p. m., I *preached* and *confirmed* ten persons (two males and eight females) and *addressed* the class.

March 19, Monday: In Holy Week, at 10:30 a. m., in St. Luke's, I attended services and received the Holy Communion.

March 20, Tuesday: In Holy Week, at 10:30 a. m., I attended services in St. Luke's and received the Holy Communion. At 4 p. m., I attended Evening Prayer.

March 21, Wednesday: In Holy Week, at 10:30 a. m., in St. Luke's, I attended services and received the Holy Communion. At 4 p. m., I attended Evening Prayer.

March 22, Thursday: Maundy Thursday, at 10:30 a. m., I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, assisted by the Rector.

March 23, Friday: Good Friday, at 4:30 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

March 25, Sunday: Easter Day, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, assisted by Dean Davis, *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 2:30 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached* and *confirmed* two persons (one male, one female), and *addressed* the class. At 4:30 p. m., I *preached* in Trinity Cathedral and *confirmed* nine persons (three males and six females) and *addressed* the class. At 7:30 p. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I *preached* and *confirmed* thirty one persons (fifteen males and sixteen females), and *addressed* the class.

March 27, Tuesday: In Easter Week, at 11 a. m., in St. Agnes' Church, Morrilton, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 7:45 p. m., after Evening Prayer, said by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Potter, I *preached* again.

April 1, Sunday: The first after Easter, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Pine Bluff, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Rector, the Rev. C. E. Cabaniss. At 5 p. m., I *confirmed* in private two persons (one male and one female). At 8:30 p. m., I *preached*, *confirmed* the ir-

teen persons (seven males and six females), and *addressed* the class.

April 7, Saturday: At 7:30 p. m., after Evening Prayer, said by the Rector, the Rev. James W. Keeble, I *preached* in St. Paul's Church, Batesville.

April 8, Sunday: The second after Easter, at 11 a. m. I *preached* in St. Paul's Church, Batesville, *confirmed* six persons (six females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. At 7.30 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, Newport, after Evening Prayer said by the Rev. Mr. Keeble, I *preached*.

April 15, Sunday: The third after Easter, at 11 a. m., in St. Luke's, Hot Springs, I, assisted by the Rector, *preached*, *confirmed* three persons (three females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*.

April 19, Thursday: At 7.30 p. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I *confirmed* thirteen persons (six males, seven females), and *addressed* the class.

April 20, Friday: At 7.30 p. m., at Fort Smith, I *confirmed* one person (one male).

April 22, Sunday: The fourth after Easter, at 11 a. m., in St. James' Church, Eureka Springs, I *preached*, *confirmed* nine persons (three males, six females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. James.

For the sake of easy reference I affix to the above abstract the following:

SUMMARY.

Sermons	76
Addresses	36
Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist--Public, 40; Private 1	41
Confirmations—186 in Arkansas, 2 out of Arkansas; total	188
Baptisms—Infant	1
Marriages	3
Funerals	2
Churches consecrated	2

Ordained—Deacons	1
Letters Dimissory given	2
Letters Dimissory accepted	4
Miles traveled	5,586

Of the marriages one was out of Arkansas. All the baptisms, marriages and funerals are recorded in the Parishes where the transactions took place, and are embodied in the Parochial reports.

CONFIRMED.

Christ Church, Little Rock	45
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	20
St. John's Church, Helena	15
St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs	13
St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville	12
St. Philip's Church, Little Rock	12
Trinity Church, Van Buren	11
St. John's Church, Fort Smith	10
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	10
St. James' Church, Eureka Springs	9
St. John's Church, Camden	8
St. Paul's Church, Batesville	6
St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley	6
St. Mark's Church, Hope	3
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	3
St. Paul's Church, Newport	2
St. Agnes' Church, Morrilton	1
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I have now completed my hasty review of the past year, and given glances at our present condition and glimpses of our probable future. It remains now only for me to call your attention anew to a matter of great importance. I refer to our Episcopate Fund. Were the financial condition of the country more propitious, I should urge you to take steps at once to increase the fund, till the income from it becomes sufficient to support an Assistant Bishop, if I am wholly or in large degree

unable to perform the duties of my office, or, a successor, as Diocesan, in case I am called away. One or the other of these contingencies must arise soon, and you must be prepared to meet what is not far before you. To me, personally, this proposed provision for the Episcopate matters nothing; hence I can speak the more freely concerning it. Be wise, and do not throw suddenly upon this growing and yet weak Diocese the burden of a heavy assessment. Few of the Parishes are yet able to bear it. It may be unwise to make a great effort in this direction just now. But the favorable moment for decisive action may appear at any time. The feeble efforts at financial recuperation may soon become strong. In order to avail yourselves of the occasion, when it comes, it may be well to give this matter into the hands of a committee elected by yourselves, with power to act should it become necessary or prudent so to do. It may be too late, if you wait till the meeting of the next Council. With this suggestion I close this long and hurriedly written address.

I pray God that you may be guided in all your doings by the influences of the Holy Ghost.

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

APPENDIX II.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Twenty-second Annual Council:

April 13, 1893. The newly elected members of the Standing Committee met in St. John's Church, Helena, and organized by electing the Rev. Chas. H. Lockwood, President, and the Rev. W. J. Miller, Secretary.

June 13, 1893. Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Ellison Capers, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina. Also, to the consecration of the Rev. Thomas Frank Gailor, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. Also, to the consecration of the Rev. William Lawrence, D. D., as Bishop of Massachusetts.

June 14, 1893. Consent was given to the Bishop, Dean and Chapter of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, to mortgage to the Equitable Building and Loan Association of Little Rock, lot 4, block 191, Little Rock, to secure the sum of $1200.

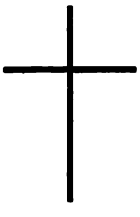
November 9, 1893. The committee recommended Isaiah P. Daniels to the Bishop for ordination to the Diaconate. The testimonials of the Rev. A. C. A. Hall, as Bishop-elect of Vermont, were received, but the committee took no action on them.

The committee heard with sorrow of the death of one of its members, Col. M. L. Bell, of Pine Bluff. After a suitable memorial was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of the committee, Mr. P. K. Roots was elected to fill the vacancy.

April 25, 1894. Consent was given to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Helena, to transfer to the heirs of Naomi Hayes Moore, south half of lot 329, in the City of Helena, and in that part known as Old Helena. Also, consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. John Brockenborough Newton, M. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
President Standing Committee.

In Memoriam.



THE HON. MARCUS L. BELL

CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE

AND

MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

ENTERED INTO REST

SEPTEMBER 23, 1893.

The Committee appointed by the Council to report on that portion of the Bishop's Address officially announcing the death of this eminent layman made the following report:

By the death of the HON. MARCUS L. BELL, for so many years identified with the work of this Council, the Diocese of Arkansas loses one of its most eminent laymen, an efficient officer and zealous promoter of its interests and welfare. It is pleasing to note that it was characteristic of COL. BELL that amid the avocations of life the Church to him was never secondary, but always first and above all else, and therefore every duty imposed on him by the Council of the Diocese was discharged with conscientious faithfulness even to the sacrifice of his time and means. In the deliberations of the Council he was a wise counsellor and adviser, his charm of manner winning for his words a ready and respectful hearing. So useful and efficient a son of the Church is sadly missed in our work now, and we therefore record our deep sense of loss in this going out from us of our dear brother and co-laborer, and offer the following resolutions:

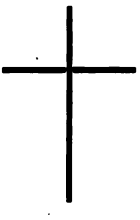
RESOLVED, That inasmnch as this Council has heard with great sorrow and regret the announcement of the death of our beloved brother, and while we deplore his departure from us, we take comfort in the thought that he has gone before, "in the Communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope."

RESOLVED, That a copy of this minute and this resolution be sent to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of our sympathy and prayers.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. MILLER,
S. S. FAULKNER.
GEO. W. ROGERS,
Committee.

In Memoriam.



COL. LOGAN H. ROOTS

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The Committee on Memorial made the following report:

COL. LOGAN H. ROOTS, after years of ill-health and much suffering entered into rest the 30th day of May, 1893.

He was a man deservedly prominent in Little Rock and throughout the State.

As a man, he was a philanthropist of broad sympathies.

As an American citizen, he was honest in his political opinions and unswerving in maintaining them. He devotedly loved his adopted State and ever strove to advance her interests.

As a Churchman, St. John's (Fort Smith), Christ Church (Little Rock), Trinity Cathedral, and the whole Diocese should ever bear him in grateful remembrance. His practical business sense he carried with him into the Council of the Diocese of which he was a member for many years. On the floor of the Council no one could be more modest and less self-asserting than he.

The Clergy and laity manifested their high regard for him and their confidence in him by annually electing him, for so many years, Treasurer of the Diocese.

He has gone from us. We shall greatly miss him.

God grant him perpetual Light.

JAS. J. VAULX,
ARTHUR F. ADAMS,
CHAS. L. GOODWIN,
Committee.

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Fund.

RECEIPTS.

April 12, 1893, balance in hands of Logan H. Roots, Treasurer, as shown by last report	$528 72		
Less the $10 Diocesan *Mission Fund* erroneously credited to this fund April 8, 1893, and now properly credited in that fund	10 00	—$518 72	
May 8, 1893, received from St. Mark's, Hope			10 00
" " " " St. James, Prescott, special			7 00
Total receipts			$535 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 27, 1893, to Rev. W. J. Miller, honorarium voted by Council	50 00		
To Geo. Lewis, janitor	10 00	—	60 00
Balance paid to P. K. Roots, Treasurer			$475 72

RECEIPTS.

July 5, 1893, received above amount, balance of this fund	475 72
March 1, 1894, received from M. H. Barlow, Hope	10 00
April 9, 1894, received from St. John's, Camden	10 00
April 25, 1894, received from St. James', Eureka Springs	5 00

April 25, 1894, received from St. Agnes', Morrilton		5 00
" " received from Grace Church, Washington		10 00
" " received from St. Mark's, Hope		10 00
" " received from St. Paul's, Batesville		25 00
" " received from St. John's, Fort Smith		40 00
" " received from St. Paul's, Fayetteville		50 00
" " received from Trinity, Pine Bluff		50 00
" " received from St. Luke's, Hot Springs		50 00
" " received from S. John's, Helena		100 00
Total receipts		$840 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 11, 1893, printing 500 copies Journal of the Council	$92 00	
July 12, 1893, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses to Standing Committee	12 50	
" " Rev. W. J. Miller, expenses to Standing Committee	$3 80	
" " Rev. W. J. Miller, postage and express sending out Journals	8 55—12 35	
" " Binding record book	2 50	
" " S. S. Faulkner, Trustee Episcopate Fund	250 00	
July 13, " Rev. W. J. Miller, expenses to Standing Committee	4 30	

Nov. 9, "	Rev. C. H. Lockwood, half expenses to Standing Committee		4 25	
" "	Rev. W. J. Miller, expenses to Sanding Committee		4 00—	381 90
	Balance on hand			$458 82

Fund for Disabled Clergy, &c.

April 12, 1893,	balance in hands of Logan H. Roots, Treasurer, as shown by last report	$59 43	
	Less paid two months Building Ass'n dues, $5 per month	10 00	
	Balance paid to P. K. Roots, Treasurer		$49 43

RECEIPTS.

July 5, 1893,	received above amount, balance of this fund	49 43
Dec. 2, 1893,	received from St. Luke's, Hot Springs	4 05
" 5, "	received from St. John's, Helena	27 45
" 8, "	received from St. John's, Camden	5 00
" 24, "	received from Trinity Cathedral	7 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ten months Building Association dues, $5 per month	$ 50 00
Balance on hand	$ 43 48

Diocesan Missions.

RECEIPTS.

April 12, 1893, balance in hands of Logan H. Roots, Treasurer, as shown by last report.....			$	7 65
Received from Junius T. Smith.....				6 25
Received from St. John's, Camden, April 8, 1893				10 00
Aug. 16, 1893, St. John's, Fort Smith, paid by them on printing as ordered by Board.....				6 13
			$	30 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 16, 1893, paid through St. John's, Fort Smith, for printing, as ordered by Board.....				6 13
Balance paid to P. K. Roots, Treasurer....				23 90

RECEIPTS.

July 5, 1893, received above amount, balance of this fund			$	23 90
And up to April 30, 1894, I have received, in various small items, amounts aggregating as follows:				
From St. John's, Helena.....	$203 85			
" " " for subscription to Missionary..	1 00—	$204 85		
From St. John's, Fort Smith	73 92			
" " for mailing Missionary.....	2 00—	75 02		
From Trinity Cathedral.....	67 80			
" " for Sunday School	3 40—	71 20		
From St. John's, Camden.....				50 00
From St. Luke's, Hot Springs..				40 20
From St. James, Eureka Springs	11 25			
From St. James, Eureka Springs, Sunday School	10 13			

From St. James, Eureka Springs, for mailing Missionary.....	1 00—	22 38
From Forrest City Mission.....		19 00
From Trinity, Pine Bluff.....		17 47
From St. Andrews', Marianna...		16 65
From Grace Church, Washington		14 27
From St. Mark's, Hope.....	3 20	
From M. H. Barlow, Hope.....	10 00—	13 20
From St. Philip's, Little Rock..		12 46
From St. Paul's, Fayetteville...	8 00	
From St. Paul's, Fayetteville, for mailing Missionary.....	2 00	
From St. Paul's, Fayetteville, for subscriptions to Missionary...	1 25—	11 25
From St. Paul's, Newport.....	5 60	
From St. Paul's, Newport, for mailing Missionary.....	2 00—	7 60
From Trinity, Van Buren.....		5 40
From St. Agnes', Morrilton.....		3 50
From advertisements.....		3 00
Total receipts		$612 25

DISBURSEMENTS ORDERED BY BOARD.

July 12, 1893,	Rev. Herbert Edwards.....	$ 24 25	
" "	Rev. W. T. Allen, expenses to meeting of Board.....$4 90		
" "	Rev. W. T. Allen, stationery ..... 3 55—	8 45	
" "	J. H. Mayers & Co., bal. printing bill	14 65.	
" "	Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses to Board meeting	2 50	
	Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, three quarterly payments, $25 each.....	75 00	

Rev. R. S. James, three quarterly payments, $25 each..			75 00
Rev. C. A. Bruce, three quarterly payments, $25 each..			75 00
March 12, 1894, Rev. C. A. Bruce, expenses trip to Paragould			10 00
April 27, 1894. Rev. C. A. Bruce, special donation			25 00
August 12, 1893, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses traveling as Missionary			10 00
November 9, 1893, Rev. W. T. Allen, expenses attending Board meeting	$ 4 90		
November 9, 1893, W. T. Allen, stationery	65—		5 55
November 9, 1893, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expended in missionary work	15 20		
November 9, 1893, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, one-half expense attending Board meeting	4 25—		19 45
January 8, 1894, printing Arkansas Missionary			13 50
February 17, 1894, Rev. John Davis, mailing Missionary			2 00
March 1, 1894, printing Arkansas Missionary			13 50
Balance in full paid to A. F. Adams, new Treasurer Diocesan Missions	$238 40—		$612 25

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF MR. S. S. FAULKNER, TRUSTEE OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 24, 1894.

To balance on hand last report		$ 795 15
Pine Bluff Property:		
To rent for April, 1893	$ 18 00	
To rent May to August, inclusive	132 00	
To rent September	18 00	
To rent October	21 00	
To rent November	33 00	
To rent December	20 00	
To rent January to March, 1894, inclusive	96 00—	338 00
Assets realized on from former Report:		
Note of Bishop Pierce		400 00
P. K. Roots, Treasurer of Diocese		250 00
Interest Account:		
Bishop Pierce	17 50	
L. E. Cheek	100 00	
A. B. Grace	100 00	
Short Loans	49 00—	266 50
Donations:		
St. John's Church, Helena	40 95	
St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs	29 57	
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	3 75	
St. Andrew's Church, Marianna	3 25	
St. John's Church, Camden	24 60	
St Mark's Church, Hope	17 05	
Grace Church, Washington	11 25	
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	39 45	
St. James' Church, Eureka Springs	13 00	
St. John's Church, Fort Smith	6 75	
St. Paul's Church, Newport	5 00	
Mrs. J. D. Beardsley	5 00	
Mr. P. K. Roots	5 00—	204 62
		$2,254 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Building and Loan Association Dues:			
Little Rock Series, twelve months at $25	$300 00		
Peoples, Helena, twelve months at $25..	300 00		
Peoples, Helena, sixty months at $7....	420 00		
Premium on Peoples Stock.....	36 00		
Home Mutual, Helena, fifty-two months at $5.....	260 00		
Premium on stock.....	6 50	$1,322	50
Additional loan, Grace property, Pine Bluff.....	100 00		
Costs advertising Bell property.....		3	50
Pine Bluff Property:			
Repairs, insurance, taxes, water, and expense, per vouchers 1 to 19, inclusive		103	50
By amount now on hand.....		724	77
		$2,254	27

PRESENT VALUE OF FUND.

Little Rock, Series No. 7, paid in	$1,280 00	worth	$1,660 00
Little Rock, Series No. 13, paid in	140 00	worth	162 00
Peoples, Helena, paid in	1,920 00	worth	2,360 00
Home Mutual, Helena, paid in...	260 00	worth	327 00
Bills Receivable:			
L. E. Cheek, note, face.....	$1,000 00	worth	$1,100 00
M. L. Bell, note, face.....	1,000 00	worth	1,200 00
A. B. Grace, note, face.....	1,100 00	worth	1,210 00
Pine Bluff Property:			
Former value of Pine Bluff property, which I am advised is not too much.....		$3,936	60
Uncollected note held by N. B. Trulock, which he thinks good		10	25
Cash on hand.....		724	77
Present value of fund.....		$12,690	62
Value at close of last term.....		11,319	00
Increase for year.....		$ 1,372	62

The fund has not increased as much as I had anticipated, but is larger than last year. In computing the value of Building and Loan, Little Rock Series, I made an error of $100 too much; so after making the correction it would show an increase of $15.04 I have at times sent out to the Clergy circulars calling their attention to the importance of this fund, and I have seen good results where they have exerted themselves to get an offering. I again urge a secration of this fund from the Council assessment as a necessity.

Fraternally yours,

S. S. FAULKNER,

Trustee of Permanent Episcopate Fund.

APPENDIX V.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on the State of the Church in the Diocese of Arkansas beg leave to report as follows:

It is with deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we are able to report the state of the Church in the Diocese of Arkansas as, in many respects, better than it has ever been before. There has been a quickening and strengthening of her spiritual pulse, an enlargement of her influence, and a greater activity among her Clergy along all lines than formerly, as evidenced by a greater missionary zeal, more frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion, more Sermons preached, more Services held, more Confirmations and larger contributions to the missionary cause than ever before. And all this in spite of the fact that the year has witnessed the culmination of the most stupendous and far-reaching financial stringency that this county has ever undergone, paralyzing industries and enterprises by disturbing the relations of labor and capital to an extent never known in the history of America.

Your committee note with special pleasure, as a reason for great encouragement, the large proportion of places which have put into successful operation the Missionary Plan adopted by the last Council. We call attention to the fact that although the system did not get under headway till nearly half the year was gone, and was new and untried to both Clergy and Laity, and although some places have not yet put the plan into operation, more than six times as much money was raised under this plan during the past year, than under the old system last year, or in any preceding years, as far as the committee are informed. We think the system has demonstrated its practicability, and we believe that, what with better acquaintance with

d more general adoption of the plan, the deepened interest missions which it has awakened in the Clergy and in the ity, not only in adults, but in the little children, teaching m to give as an act of worship, teaching them to give to jects from which they expect to gain no immediate benefit, shall not only see a larger amount of money raised for ssions the coming year, but the spirituality of the Diocese sed to a higher tone; and we call the attention of the ocese *especially* to that part of the Bishop's Address which rtains to the subject of Diocesan Missions as worthy of *ctical realization.*

We note, also, with gratitude to God, that our Clergy list s been increased by the advent of three or four earnest and cient ministers, filling some of the most important places the Diocese, which have long been vacant.

But your committee regrets to report two or three features the state of the Church that sadly need amendment.

The first is the poor attendance of Delegates at the present uncil, due, in part, no doubt, to their Parishes not having d their Diocesan assessment. This latter fact is probably e to two causes. First, excessive assessment; second, the ncial stringency already alluded to. The first it is in our wer partially to remedy. And, therefore, we respectfully ommend that the assessments be made upon a basis not ceeding fifty cents per communicant.

We note, with regret, also, that there are only *fifteen* parial reports this year, as against sixteen last year and thirthree year before.

There is a discrepancy in the reports from some of the Parhes. For instance, one Parish reports only 231 communits this year, as against 267 last year, and that notwithnding the gain has been greater than the loss. Another rish presents the same discrepancy. The committee are inrmed that this is due to the fact that the reports were made y new incumbents last year, upon the supposition that, though ey had not been able to find all the communicants reported

by their predecessors, they took it for granted that they were still there, and so reported them. But careful investigation has developed the fact that they were not; and the reports this year are, perhaps, more accurate than last year in these instances. This discrepancy leads your committee to suggest the necessity of rigidly adhering to the Church law concerning transfer of communicants, upon removal, as they come and go without the knowledge of the minister.

But in all other respects, we think there is much to encourage us, and for which we ought to be deeply grateful.

Your committee feel that they cannot close this report without expressing their gratitude to Almighty God that, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, He has spared our beloved Diocesan through the unremitting, untiring and ever-increasing labors which he has undergone during the past year; and we pray God he may yet be spared many years to go in and out among us, to cheer, strengthen and guide us with his apostolic offices and words of wisdom. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. ALLEN, *Chairman.*
D. S. C. M. POTTER,
J. L. CRAVENS,
C. S. VICKERS.

APPENDIX VI.

PAROCHIAL ASSESSMENTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your Committee make no suggestions touching the Ways and Means of the Diocese except to submit a list of the unpaid assessments, for information, and of assessments for the ensuing year.

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

St. Paul's, Batesville	$ 50 00
Christ Church, Little Rock	825 00
Trinity, Van Buren	60 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

St. Paul's, Batesville	20 00
St. John's, Camden	10 00
St. James', Eureka Springs	10 00
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	45 00
St. John's, Helena	75 00
St. Mark's, Hope	10 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	45 00
St. John's, Fort Smith	75 00
Christ Church, Little Rock	200 00
Trinity, Little Rock	75 00
St. Andrew's, Marianna	10 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	10 00
St. Agnes, Morrilton	10 00
Redeemer, Nashville	5 00
St. Paul's, Newport	15 00
Trinity, Pine Bluff	45 00
Trinity, Van Buren	15 00
Grace Church, Washington	10 00
Total	$685 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. JAMES,
R. V. McCRACKEN,
F. P. R. ELLIS,
Committee.

April 27, 1894.

AMENDED ASSESSMENTS.

St. Paul's, Batesville	$ 14 00
St. John's, Camden	7 00
St. James', Eureka Springs	7 00
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	31 50
St. John's, Helena	52 50
St. Mark's, Hope	7 00
St Luke's, Hot Springs	31 50
St. John's, Fort Smith	52 50
Christ Church, Little Rock	140 00
Trinity, Little Rock	52 50
St. Andrew's, Marianna	7 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	7 00
St. Agnes, Morrilton	7 00
Redeemer, Nashville	3 50
St. Paul's, Newport	10 50
Trinity, Pine Bluff	31 50
Trinity, Van Buren	10 50
Grace, Washington	7 00
Total	$479 50

APPENDIX VII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

UNORGANIZED MISSION, ARKANSAS CITY.

No report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BATESVILLE.

THE REV. JAMES W. KEEBLE, Rector.

BAPTISMS: Infants, 1; adults, 2; total, 3. Confirmations, 6. Burials, 1.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION, BRINKLEY.

THE REV. C. A. BRUCE, Minister.

BAPTISMS: Infants, 1; adults, 3; total, 4. Confirmations, 6. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 3; present number male, 9; female, 21; total, 30. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 11; other days, 1; total, 12. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 11. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 2; pupils, 10.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $100.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.

THE REV. D. B. RAMSAY, Rector.

CALEB A. STONE, JOS. A. REEVES, Wardens.

Number of families, 31. Whole number of souls, 105. Number baptized persons, 105. BAPTISMS: Infants, 5. Confirmations, 8. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 8; total added, 8; removed, 4; total lost, 4; present number of males, 17;

females, 33; total, 50. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 92; other days, 109; total, 201. Holy Communion: Public, 34. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 8; pupils, 36. Church sittings, 180. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $41.45; Parish expenses, $115 24; insurance, $87; Guild of B. V. M., $31; total, $274 69.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $50; aged and infirm Clergy, $5; Episcopate Fund, $24 60; Convocation, $20; Cathedral, $8.35; total, $117.95

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions and foreign missions, $12.50; Jewish missions, $1.35; total, $13.85.

Total offerings, $406.49.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$3000 00
Estimated value Rectory	600 00
Estimated value other Church property	50 00
Total	$3650 00

Amount of indebtedness on Church property ..... None.

MISSION AT CENTER POINT.

REV. PALIN SAXBY, Priest-in-Charge.

Families, 1. Souls, 8. Baptized persons, 8. BAPTISMS: Infant, 1. COMMUNICANTS: Males, 3; females, 2; total, 5. Offerings, expenses, $5. SERVICES: Week days, 2. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 1. No Church building.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DARDANELLE.

No report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUREKA SPRINGS.

THE REV. RICHARD S. JAMES, D. D., Rector.

COL. W. G. WEAR, C. F. ELLIS, M. D., Wardens.

Number of families, 24. Whole number of souls, 80. Number baptized persons, 56. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2; adults, 5; total 7. Confirmations, 10. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Present number of male, 12; female, 36; total, 48. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 77; other days, 40; total, 117. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 14. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 46. Church sittings, 120.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $20; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $250; Sunday-school offerings, $20; music, $5 5; repairs, 35; total, $380.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $5; Diocesan missions ($10 from Sunday school) $15; Episcopate Fund, $13; Cathedral, $5; total, $38.

Total offerings, $418.

Estimated value of Church and grounds.....$800
Estimated value of other Church property..... 150

Total.....$950

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

THE REV. JAMES J. VAULX, Rector.

W. B. WELCH, M. D., COL. J. L. CRAVENS, Wardens.

Number of families, 53. *BAPTISMS: Infants, 15; adults, 2; total, 17. Confirmations, 12. *Actual Communicants, 146. *Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 3 each Sunday; other days, 463; total, 619. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, Sundays and Holy Days; private, 3. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers and officers, 9; pupils, about 70. Church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

*These include those at Winslow.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $179.03; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1107.19; miscellaneous, $1574.92; total, $2861.14.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $10; miscellaneous, $22.82; total, $32.82.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $11.85; miscellaneous, $21.50; Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews, $4; total, $37.35.

Total offerings, $2931.31.

Estimated value of Church and grounds.....$4,266 08
Estimated value of Rectory..... ..... 3000 00

Total.....$7266 08

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, FORREST CITY.

THE REV. C. A. BRUCE, Minister.

WALTER GORMAN, E. L. VADAKIN, Wardens.

Number of families, 12. Whole number of souls, 49. Number baptized persons, 49. Confirmations, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 3; received 2; total added, 5; removed, 3; total lost, 3; present number, male, 6; female, 16; total, 22. Number of confirmed persons, 23. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 11; other days, 2; total, 13. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 11.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $25; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $75; total, $100.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $19.

Total offerings, $119.

Estimated value of other Church property, lot, lumber and cash.....$1500

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORT SMITH.

THE REV. W. T. ALLEN, Rector.

Number of families, 127. Whole number of souls, 398. Number baptized persons, 390. BAPTISMS: Infants, 12; adults, 4; total, 16. Confirmations, 10. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 2; received, 35; total added, 37; removed, 26; died, 8; withdrawn, 1; total lost, 35; present number, male, 64; female, 167; total, 231. Number confirmed persons, 231. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 96; other days, 80; total, 176. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 46; private, 7; total, 53. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 10; pupils, 96. Church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $72.30; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1147.46; Sunday-school offerings, $171.02; offerings other than communion alms, $214.87; total, $1605.65.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $41.50; Diocesan missions, $82.05; Episcopate Fund, $6.75; raised by Chapters, $693.10; total, $823.40.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $17.30.

Total offerings, $2446.35.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$10,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	1,800 00
Estimated value other Church property	705 00
Total	$12,505 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA.

REV. CHARLES H. LOCKWOOD, B. D., Rector.

JUDGE P. O. THWEATT, THE HON. GREENFIELD QUARLES, Wardens.

Number of families, 101. Whole number of souls, about 420. BAPTISMS: Infants, 10; adults, 6; total, 16. Confirma-

tions, 15. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 21; received, 6; total added, 27; removed, 7; died, 4; dropped, 3; total loss, 14; present number, 231. Number confirmed persons, 240. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 166; other days, 153; total, 319. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 76; private, 12; total, 88. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 15; pupils, 143. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $38.60; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $2617.47; Church societies, $1013.36; total, $3669.43.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $100; Diocesan missions, $203.50; aged and infirmed Clergy, $27.45; Episcopate fund, $40.95; Bishop's visit, $18; Mission, Good Shepherd, Forrest City, for Ladies' Guild, $45; total, $434.90.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $22.50; University of the South, $6; total, $28 50.

Total offerings, $4132.83.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$16,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	7,000 00
Estimated value of other Church property	12,000 00
Total	$35,000 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	1,400 00

Mrs. Naomi K. Moore bequeathed to St. John's Church, property amounting to $12,000, which is now invested, and will be paid over to Vestry as soon as estate is wound up.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOPE.

THE REV. PALIN SAXBY, Rector.

JUDSON T. WEST, WM. M. RIALS, Wardens.

Number of families, 36. Whole number of souls, 120. Number baptized persons, 81. BAPTISMS: Infants, 5. Confirmations, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 5; re-

ceived, 6; total added, 11; removed, 7; total lost, 7; present number male, 22; female, 35; total, 57. Number confirmed persons, 63. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 152; other days, 292; total, 444. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 95; private, 1; total, 96. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 41. Church sittings, 140.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $23; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $455.40; miscellaneous, $42.70; total, $521.10.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $13.25; aged and infirm Clergy, 17.20; Trinity Cathedral, $2.50; Church at Forrest City, $4.65; total, $47.60.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $2.45; foreign missions, $3.65; conversion of Jews, $1.75; total, $7.85.

Total offerings, $576 55.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$2000 00

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.

REV. WM. JAMES MILLER, Rector.

GEORGE G. LATTA, RICHARD B. BANCROFT, Wardens.

Number of families, 95. Individuals not thus included, 24. BAPTISMS: Infants, 12; adults, 7; total, 19. Confirmations, 13. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 13; received, 9; total added, 22; removed, 16; died, 3; total lost, 19; present number, 135. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 98; other days, 96; total, 194. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 49; private, 1; total, 50. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 85. Church sittings, 450.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $82 98; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1798.29; paid on Church debt, $1740.97; gifts to the Rector, $125; Sunday School, $38.94; King's Daughters (for Church debt, $110), $318.25; Brotherhood of

St. Andrew, $50.50; total (less $110 included in Church debt), $4044.89.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; Diocesan missions, $40 20; aged and infirm Clergy, $4.05; Episcopate fund, $15.27; Bishop's Cathedral work, $33.75; total, $143.27.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $7; foreign missions, $12; Sunday cchool Lenten offerings, $17.67; total $36.67.

Total offerings, $4224.73.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$30,000

EMMANUEL CHURCH, LAKE VILLAGE.

No report.

CHRIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

REV. WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

DR. WM. A. CANTRELL, Senior Warden.

MR. JOHN W. GOODWIN, Junior Warden.

Number of families, 366. Souls (about) 1800. Communicants, 661. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 40; pupils, 300; total, 340; BAPTISMS: Adults, 8; infants, 18; total, 26. Confirmations, 45; marriages, 11; burials, 23

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $147.70; Rector's salary, $2400; gifts to the Rector, $315; Church debt $1491.60; other Parish expenses, $1475.60; total, $5829.90.

DIOCESAN objects, $116 20.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $227; Jewish missions, $23.55; deaf-mute missions, $10; widows and orphans of deceased Clergy, $21; University of the South, $30; total, $311.55.

Total offerings, $6257 65.

Value of Church edifice and grounds	$60,000 00
Value of Rectory and grounds	8500 00
Value of St. Paul's Chapel	1500 00
Total	$70,000 00

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. ISAIAH P. DANIELS, Deacon in Charge.

A. H. DIXON, JOHN A. JONES, Wardens.

Number of families, 45. Whole number of souls, 91. Number of baptized persons, 77. BAPTISMS; Infants, 13; adults, 4; total, 17. Confirmations, 12. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 12; received, 2; total added, 14; removed, 12; died, 6; withdrawn, 7; total lost, 25; present number, male, 14; female, 16; total, 30. Number of confirmed persons, 55. Burials, 2. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 107; other days, 20; total, 127. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 10. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 100. Church sittings, 200. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $4.22; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $26.26; miscellaneous, $6; total, $36.48.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $12.46.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $2.94.

Total offerings, $51.88.

Estimated value of Church and grounds	$2500 00
Estimated value of Rectory	500 00
Total	$3000 00

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. JOHN DAVIS, Dean.

P. K. ROOTS, FAY HEMPSTEAD, Wardens.

Number of families, 81; whole number of souls, 296. BAP-

TISMS: Infants, 12; adults, 3; total, 15. Confirmations, 10. Number of confirmed persons, 137. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 128; other days, 49; total, 177. HOLY COMMUNION; Public, 40; private, 1; total, 41. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 10; pupils, 80. Church sittings, 1000. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $59.84; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1507.50; Ladies' Guild, $174.83; Cathedral choir, $132.91; Sunday school, $59 65; St. Andrew's Brotherhood, $22.30; total, $2457.03.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; Diocesan missions, $71.20; aged and infirm Clergy, $7.55; Episcopate Fund, $39 45; total, $168.20.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $2.50; foreign missions, $2.58; Clergyman's Rector Fund Society, $12; Sunday-school Lenten offerings for missions, $52.80 total, $69.88.

Total offerings, $2696 11.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$20,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	1,350 00
Total	$21,350 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MAMMOTH SPRINGS.

No report.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MARIANNA.

THE REV. C. A. BRUCE, Rector.

J. P. DUNHAM, D. S. CLARK, Wardens.

Number of families, 16. Whole number of souls, 69. Number baptized persons, 66. BAPTISMS: Infants, 4; total, 4. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 2; total added, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 2; present number of males, 12; females, 27; total, 39. Number confirmed persons, 39. Marriages, 2.

Burials, 2. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 44; other days, 2; total, 46. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 22; total, 22. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 30. Church sittings, 115.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Parish expenses, $100; total, $100.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $16.65; Episcopate Fund, $3.25; total, $29.90.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $4.04.

Total offerings, $133.94.

Estimated value Church and grounds..... $3000 00

ST. AGNES' CHURCH, MORRILTON.

THE REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, Rector.

W. M. SCARBOROUGH, T. P. STOUT, Wardens.

Number of families, 14. Whole number of souls, 41. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Removed, 16; died, 3; total lost, 19; present number of males, 9; females, 15; total, 24. Burials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 68; other days, 12; total, 80. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 8. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 5; pupils, 25. Church sittings, 150. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $208.35; miscellaneous, $2.05; total, $210.40.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $5; Diocesan missions, $3; Forrest City, April 19, 1893, $4; total, $12.

Total offerings, $222.40.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$2441 55
Estimated value Rectory..... ..... 590 75

Total $3031 30

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, NASHVILLE.

(Unorganized.)

THE REV. PALIN SAXBY, Priest-in-Charge.

Number of families, 7. Number of souls, 26. Number of baptized persons, 26. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2. COMMUNICANTS: Received, 2; removed, 1; present number, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 12; other days, 26. HOLY COMMUNION: public, 10. Church sittings, 10.

Parish expenses.....$ 55 00
Estimated value of Church and grounds..... 900 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWPORT.

THE REV. JAMES W. KEEBLE, Rector.

BAPTISMS: Infants, 8; adults, 1; total, 9. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1.

Diocesan missions, $7.60.

UNORGANIZED MISSION, OGAMAW.

No report.

UNORGANIZED MISSION, PARAGOULD.

No report.

GRACE CHAPEL, PHILLIPS COUNTY.

No report.

TRINITY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.

THE REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Rector.

MESSRS. N. B. TRULOCK, GEO. E. VALLIANT, Wardens.

Number of families, 62. Whole number of souls, 263.

Number baptized persons, 199. BAPTISMS: Infants, 4; adults, 1; total, 5. Confirmations, 20. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Died, 1; present number male, 13; female, 84; total, 97. Number confirmed persons, 126. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 40; other days, 34; total, 74. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 12; total, 12. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 8; pupils, 72. Church sittings, 450. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, five months, $762.69; Trinity Church Association for one year, $290.13; Sunday School, $56.37; total, $1109.19.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; Diocesan missions, $17.47; Episcopate fund, $3.75; Cathedral, $11.86; total, $83.08.

Total offerings, $1192.27.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$12,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	3,800 00
Estimated value other Church property	1,000 00
Total	$16,800 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	None.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, PRESCOTT.

No report.

TRINITY CHURCH, VAN BUREN.

No report.

GRACE CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

(Unorganized.)

THE REV. PALIN SAXBY, Priest-in-Charge.

Number of families, 7. Whole number of souls, 21. Number baptized persons, 21. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Removed,

17; present number of males, 5; females, 8; total, 13. Number confirmed persons, 13. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 18; other days, 56; total, 74. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 13. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 25. Church sittings, 160. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $5.50; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $49.30; new organ, $50.90; total, $105.70.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $14.27; Episcopate Fund, $11.75; Forrest City Church, $2.15; total, $38.17.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and foreign missions, $5.25.

Total offerings, $149.12.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$ 900 00
Estimated value Rectory	300 00
Total	$1200 00

Work suspended at Prescott, Gurdon, Fulton and Spring Hill for lack of means.

UNORGANIZED MISSION, WINSLOW.

No report.

TRINITY CHURCH, VAN BUREN.

THE REV. G. W FLOWERS, Rector.

S. A. PERNOT AND JOHN FRITZ, Wardens.

Number of families, 28. Whole number of souls, 146. Number baptized persons, 146. BAPTISMS: Infants, 4; adults, 1; total, 5. Confirmations, 11. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Total added, 11; present number male, 12; female, 80; total, 92. Number confirmed persons, 92. Marriages, 4. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 117; other days, 85; total, 298. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 39; total, 39. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 7; pupils, 30; church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $31.50; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $517.55; Rectory, $161; total, $710.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and foreign missions, $19 57; Cathedral, $4.50; total, $24 07.

Total offerings, $734.17.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$ 3000
Estimated value Rectory	1000
Total	$ 4000
Amount of indebtedness on Rectory	252 35

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Bishop	1
Clergy	17
Parishes and Missions	30
Church buildings	25
Rectories	16
Baptisms	176
Confirmed	186
Communicants	2416
Marriages	41
Burials	70
Sunday School teachers	140
Sunday School scholars	1389
Contributions	$ 25,847.70
Value of Church property	225,147.76

APPENDIX VIII.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

CONSTITUTION,

As *Proposed at the Fifteenth Annual Council, at Little Rock, April 20, 1887, and finally Adopted by the Sixteenth Annual Council.*

PREAMBLE.

This Church conforms to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as set forth by the General Convention of the same; to which Constitution and Canons this Church hereby accedes, and subordinates herself, according to the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE I.

Of the Clergy and Laity.

There are three orders of the Clergy:*

First—The Bishop, who exercises all the functions of the Ministry, presides over the Church by Apostolic Authority, and has the sole right to ordain, to confirm, and to pronounce judicial sentence on offenders; and governs the Church in his Diocese according to the Holy Scriptures and the Canons of this Church.

Second—The Priests or Presbyters, who preach the Word, administer the Sacraments of the Church, and have the oversight and pastoral care of the Laity in their several Congregations. They also have the right to advise their Bishop and to

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share in the government of the Church, according to the Canons.

Third—The Deacons, who having received limited office in the general Ministry, serve in the same where they may be appointed by the Bishop. They are subject to the orders of the Bishop, cannot take the Rectorship of a Church, and must be under the care and supervision of some priest, who shall direct them in their work.

The Laity are divided and organized, according to local convenience, into Parishes or Congregations. They commit the general management of their parochial business to a portion of their own number, annually elected, and called Wardens and Vestrymen. To these belong the administration of all the secular concerns of their particular Parish; but they have no part in the spiritual government of the Church, which belongs to the Clergy alone.

ARTICLE II.

Of the Council.

There shall be a Council of the Diocese annually, at such time and place as the Council may, from time to time, determine; and, in case of its failure to do so, the Bishop shall appoint the time and place. In the Council the Bishop shall preside by virtue of his office. The Clergy shall sit by right of their order, and the Laity shall be represented by Delegates chosen for that purpose by the Vestry of each Congregation

The Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall be entitled to seats in the Council, with privilege of debate but shall have no vote, by reason of their offices.

Special Councils may be called by the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee when some urgent necessity may require the action of the whole Church.

Without the concurrence of the Clergy and the Laity, no rule or law of the Church can be adopted, changed or done away.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Organization of Congregations.

All Congregations and Parishes represented in the Primary Convention, shall be deemed duly organized; and thereafter, the organization of all Parishes shall be in the form provided by the Canon, and subject to the will of the Council. And no Parish shall have an organic existence, or corporate life in this Church, unless acknowledged by the Council and approved by the Bishop.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Support and Advancement of the Church.

All Christian men are bound to bear their just share of the burdens which duty imposes.

The Council, by Canon and resolution, may establish special funds:

First—For the support of the Episcopate.

Second—For the support of Missionaries.

Third—For the support of aged and infirm Clergymen.

Fourth—For Church building.

Fifth—For education of men for the Ministry; and take all other measures necessary for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom: *Provided*, That this article does not imply any power to make any assessment except for the necessary expenses of the Diocese, *"which shall include all current expenses and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund."

ARTICLE V.

Of the Administration of Justice.

The Clergy, Priests and Deacons, may be tried by an Ecclesiastical Court, composed of Presbyters chosen for that purpose. But there shall be no such trial except on due presentment, and according to the Canon for the trial of Clergy-

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by adding the words in quotation marks. Confirmed by action of the Seventeenth Annual Council.

men set forth in this Diocese, and the rules of Ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Tenure of Church Property.

The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, or other persons in whose names the property of any Church or Parish may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee, under their hands given, grant, alienate or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge, nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amending the Constitution.

A proposal to amend this Constitution must be laid before the Council in writing, and, if approved, shall lie over until the next annual Council, and in the meantime, shall be notified to the Parishes; and then, if it be approved by the Bishop, and by two thirds of the Clergy, and by two-thirds of the Laity present, voting by orders, the proposed amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

THE CANONS.

Enacted by the First Annual Council, A. D. 1872—Revised by the Fifteenth Annual Council, A. D. 1887, also by the Nineteenth Annual Council, A. D. 1891, and as Amended to Date.

TITLE I.

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE.

CANON I.

OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The Members of the Council shall consist of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese having the following qualifications: Every Clergyman having been admitted canonically by the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be a member of the Council; but no Clergyman shall be qualified to vote at the election of a Bishop unless he shall have been canonically and actually a resident of the Diocese for six months. Every Parish regularly organized as required by the Constitution shall be entitled to send three Delegates to the Council, and every duly organized Mission Station shall be entitled to send one Delegate; *Provided always*, That such Delegates shall be communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, whether Clergyman or Layman, shall be allowed a seat in the Council.

SEC. 2. The first standing committee appointed by the Bishop, after the Council has been duly organized, and the last to make a report, shall be a Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of one Priest and two Laymen, whose duty it shall be to consider the condition of each Parish and Mission, and to make an equitable assessment upon them, to be applied to the expenses of the Diocese, which shall include all current expenses and proper provision for the Episcopate

Fund.* The Lay Delegates from each Parish to the Diocesa Council shall, as a necessary part of their credentials, prese to the Council the receipt of the Treasurer of the Diocese, other satisfactory evidence, showing the payment of this asses ment and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior aeses ment.† *Provided*, That the Council when formally organize may, for good and sufficient reasons, excuse any delinque Parish or Mission from the payment of any portion or all this assessment.

SEC. 3. The Council shall, ordinarily, deliberate and vo without any distinction of orders; but any member may ca for a division upon any question, and if this call is sustaine by two other members, then the question shall be put first t the Clergy and next to the Laity, who shall vote by Parishes and in such a case a majority of both orders shall be nece sary to constitute an affirmative vote of the Council.

SEC. 4. The Bishop presides in Council by virtue of h office, and has the right to express his opinion upon every sul ject that may come before the Council. In the absence of th Bishop, the Council shall elect a Chairman from the Clerg present. At each Council a Secretary and Treasurer shall b elected by a joint ballot of the whole body.

SEC. 5. When a Bishop is to be elected, the Council sha always vote by orders, in this wise: The Clergy shall make nomination by ballot, and a majority of Lay Delegates, votin by Parishes, shall concur by ballot, in order to constitute a election.

SEC. 6. When any great necessity shall arise, the Bisho or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Con mittee, may call a special Council. In such case, four week notice shall be given to every Clergyman and to one of th Wardens in every Parish in the Diocese, stating the tim

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by omitting the words "Episcop Fund and the current," and in lieu thereof inserting the word "necessary." By t action of the Seventeenth Annual Council amended to read as now printed.

†Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words, "and th their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment."

place and objects of the special Council; and no other matters shall be proposed or acted upon than those specified in the call of said special Council.

CANON II.

OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Secretary of the Council shall keep in a fit book, full and exact records of all of its acts, and shall preserve all papers, documents, memorials, etc., belonging to the same, duly indorsed and filed in such way that they may be easily consulted whenever recourse to them may be necessary. He shall also prepare, under the direction of the Bishop, at least one week before the meeting of the Council, a list of all the Ministers canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing their respective stations, distinguishing Priests from Deacons, but not inserting the name of any Clergyman who is suspended from the Ministry. The list thus prepared shall be laid before the Council immediately after it shall be called to order, and the names of the clerical members shall be called therefrom. Nevertheless, the Council has power immediately to order the correction of any errors or omissions.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall have charge of the General Fund of the Diocese, and all other funds the Council may commit to his care, and shall keep a strict account of the same in a fit book, with a distinct place therein for all proper entries. He shall keep a regular account with all funds and with all persons and Parishes concerned, and shall annually exhibit a balance sheet to the Auditing Committee. He shall indorse and file away all warrants, orders or other papers belonging to his department, and shall have his accounts audited at each Council by the Finance Committee.

SEC. 3. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, or Trustee of any fund,* the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint a fit person to fill the vacancy, who shall

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words, "or Trustee of any fund."

receive all records, funds and papers from the hands of the former officer or his legal representatives, and such appointee shall continue in office and perform all the duties thereof until the ensuing Council shall have elected some one to fill the same.

CANON III.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 1. A Registrar shall be elected by the Council, into whose keeping shall be committed all documents pertaining to the history of the Church in the Diocese of Arkansas, that are now, or may hereafter become the property of the Council. It shall be the duty of said Registrar to preserve all documents herein referred to, in some suitable place of deposit, and to hold them subject to such regulations as the Council may, from time to time, prescribe.

SEC. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year and until another shall be chosen in his place.

CANON IV.*

OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. Every Clergyman of the Diocese shall attend the Annual Council, unless he is excused by the Bishop.

SEC. 2. Every Parish shall send Lay Delegates to the Annual Council, and it shall be the duty of the Vestry to make provision for their representation, unless excused by the Council.

SEC. 3. No member of the Council shall leave the same during the sessions without having obtained leave of absence from the Council.

CANON V.

OF THE NUMBER NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

SECTION 1. A quorum for ordinary business at the Annual Council shall consist of such Clergy and Delegates from the

*As amended by the action of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Annual Councils.

Parishes as may be present; but, if the Bishop be not present, such quorum shall have power only to receive reports of committees and Parishes, and to refer the same; to elect the ordinary officers and committees, and to fix the time and place for the next Council. In the election of a Bishop, two-thirds of the Clergy and a majority of all the Parishes shall be present before the Council proceed to elect. At any *called* Council, other than as provided for in Article II of the Constitution, a quorum shall consist of a majority of all the Clergy entitled to seats, and Lay Delegates from four or more Parishes.

CANON VI.

OF THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. At the opening of every Council there shall be a celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon by a Priest appointed by the Bishop when the Bishop himself does not deliver at that time a sermon or charge. And this *may* be preceded by Morning Prayer.

CANON VII.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

SECTION 1. At every Annual Council there shall be elected three Priests and two Laymen, by ballot, as a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. They shall elect, from their own body, a President and Secretary. They shall meet on the summons of the President. To constitute a quorum two Priests must be present, and when required they shall vote by orders.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a regular record of their proceedings, in a book which shall belong to the Diocese, and which, together with all papers in the possession of the Committee, shall be open to the inspection of the Committee, or the Council when required.

SEC. 3. The Standing Committee shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish their ad-

vice; and they may meet, of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. And the President shall call a meeting at any time, on the request in writing of any two members, or when he may deem it necessary.

SEC. 4 When the Diocese is vacant, through any cause, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to call a meeting forthwith, and, after consultation as to the time and place, to summon a Special Council of the Diocese, to elect a successor, with all convenient speed. *Provided*, That if such vacancy occur within less than six months before the Annual Council there shall be no Special Council, but the election of a Bishop shall be deferred until the Annual Council; and during the vacancy, the Standing Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Ecclesiastical Authority consistent with their character as the administrators of the Diocese under Council.

CANON VIII.*

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At every Council the Presiding Officer shall appoint standing committees on—

1. Credentials of Lay Delegates.
2. Ways and Means.
3. Admission of New Parishes.
4. State of the Church.
5. Auditing and Finance.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Constitution and Canons.

And on such other subjects as he may deem requisite to put the Council in possession of properly proposed information for their action.

*By the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council the second section of Canon VIII was repealed.

CANON IX.

OF THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. Every Council shall elect Trustees for all funds that may be created.

SEC. 2. A Trustee shall be annually appointed by the Council, who shall be known as the Trustee of the Episcopate Endowment Fund, and who shall be specially charged with the responsibility for the accumulation and investment of said fund. As often as the amounts received by him shall aggregate the sum of $50, he shall invest the same, under the supervision of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese. It shall be the duty of the said Trustee to make annual reports to the Council of the condition of said fund and the investment thereof. The said Trustee shall execute a bond with the State of Arkansas, for the use of the Diocese of the State, in such sum as may be required by the Council each year, to be approved by the said Standing Committee, and filed there for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.*

CANON X.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen at each Annual Council, and shall continue in office until others are chosen.

SEC. 2. The Deputies to the General Convention shall be elected by ballot, the Clergy and Laity separately electing the Deputies and Substitutes of their respective orders.

SEC. 3. Substitutes for Deputies shall be elected one at a time; and, in the event of the resignation or inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such yacancy shall be filled by the Substitutes in the order of election, and the Journal must show the order of election of Substitutes, Clerical or Lay.

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by adding the sentence, "The said Trustee shall execute a bond," etc.

CANON XI.

OF PUBLISHING THE JOURNAL.

SECTION 1. The proceedings of the Council shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and duly distributed, unless the Council shall otherwise order.

CANON XII.

OF FAILURE TO ELECT OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. In all cases of failure to elect officers, whether in the Council or in a Parish, the persons last elected shall continue to serve with full power until their successors are elected.

CANON XIII.*

OF THE CHANCELLOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

SECTION 1. There shall be elected by the Council an officer learned in the law, under the title of Chancellor of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to act as the legal counselor of the Bishop and of the Standing Committee, in matters affecting the interests of the Church, as his professional counsel may be asked or required. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall hold his office for the term of three years, and, in the event of a vacancy, the Annual Council next ensuing shall elect a successor for the full term of three years.

SEC. 2. The Council shall annually elect two Laymen, learned in the law, who, together with the Chancellor, shall constitute the Judiciary Committee of the Diocese, and of which committee the Chancellor shall be Chairman.

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the roll.
2. Presentation of the Certificates of Lay Delegates.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Election of Secretary.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees.
7. Annual Address of the Bishop.
8. Report of the Standing Committee.
9. †The Board of Missions shall sit at the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Council.
10. Report of Special Committees.
11. Report of the Trustees of the several Funds.
12. Report of the Auditing Committee.
13. Election of Treasurer.
14. Election of the Standing Committee.
15. Report of Committee on the State of the Church.
16. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.
17. Election of Trustees of the several Funds.
18. *Election of Trustees of the University of the South and other Trustees not specified.
19. Election of Registrar.
20. Election of Chancellor.
21. Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.
22. Miscellaneous Business.
23. Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

TITLE II.

OF PARISHES AND PARISH MINISTER

CANON I.

SECTION 1. All vacant Parishes shall be under the care of the Bishop. He shall provide for public wo far as he can, by occasional services of the Clergy, a persons appointed as Lay readers.

CANON II.

SECTION 1. When any Parish shall have elected a and he shall have accepted the call, it shall be the dut Vestry to file with the Bishop a minute of their proc including the particular agreement on their part and the ance of the elected Minister, showing that he accept terms and agreements stipulated by the Vestry. The shall make record thereof, and the same shall be bi the parties concerned, and held as a firm contract.

CANON III.

SECTION 1. The Rector shall preside at all Vest ings, if present, and open the same with prayer, and vise, but not vote, on any question.

SEC. 2. To the Rector belongs the control of the the Church, and the right to open the Church for publi sermons, catechetical instructions, marriages, funerals, b and all rights and ceremonies authorized by the Pr Episcopal Church in America, at all times when he m proper.

SEC. 3. The Church building shall never be used secular or profane purpose.

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* Amended by Sixteenth Annual Council by inserting Order 17.

† Inserted by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

CANON IV.

SECTION 1. Every Parish Minister shall keep a Parish Register, which shall be a well-bound book, and, as far as may be, uniform throughout the Diocese.

SEC. 2. In it shall be entered the names of all persons baptized, confirmed, married and buried in the Parish. It shall contain a list of all the communicants, of all families, and of individuals not thus included, belonging to the Parish, or regularly attending its services. It shall also contain a record of all collections made in the Church.

SEC. 3. From this Register shall the annual parochial reports be made to the Council, under all the heads that may be required by the Council or Canons.

CANON V.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to report, annually, to the Council, by their Delegates, a full statement of their financial condition, according to general order of the Council. This statement shall contain the amount and value of their property and the net income of their Parish.

CANON VI.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to make a full exhibit to the Bishop, at the time of his annual visitation, if he shall so require, of all their affairs, and receive from him counsel and advice for the conduct of the affairs of the Parish.

CANON VII.

SECTION 1. The organization of a new Parish shall be forthwith notified to the Bishop, and, if approved by him, the Parish may elect a Rector, and send Delegates and apply for admison to the Council.

SEC. 2. But if the new Parish proposed to be organized be thin the territorial bounds of any existing Parish, the Bishop ll notify the Rector and Wardens thereof, and if objections

be made thereto, notice shall be given to both parties, and the Bishop, within thirty days thereafter, shall hear the same before the Standing Committee, and the decision of the Standing Committee, approved by the Bishop, shall determine the case. *Provided*, That no Parish within any city shall be divided for the purpose of forming a new and independent Parish, within its boundaries, except by express order of the Council.

CANON VIII.

SECTION 1. Congregations, Parishes, and the members thereof, shall never recognize any suspended Clergyman, otherwise than as declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

SEC. 2. If any Parish, or the members thereof, shall take part with a contumacious Clergyman, they shall forfeit their rights in the Council.

SEC. 3. All parochial property is held by a tenure subject to this rule.

SEC. 4. In case any Congregation should be so far forgetful of the honor of God's Church as to transgress in this matter, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or of the Trustees of the General Fund, to proceed at once to recover all the Church's property in such contumacious Parish, and to reduce it to the control of the Diocese.

SEC. 5. The organization of every Parish shall recognize this rule, and, if it be not expressed in the Articles of Association, their admission into union with the Council shall bind them to this law.

TITLE III.

OF CONVOCATIONS, DIOCESAN MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

CANON I.*

SECTION 1. The Bishop may divide the Diocese into Districts, naming the town in each District which shall be the center of a Missionary work; and every Clergyman in the Diocese of every Parish and Missionary Station, shall be assigned to one or the other of the Missionary centers.

SEC. 2. The Clergy and Laity of each District, when organized, shall constitute a Convocation, and have charge of the Missionary work in the field assigned by the Bishop.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall appoint one of the Clergy in each District as Dean of Convocation. The Convocation shall elect a Secretary, who shall be a Clergyman, and a Treasurer, who shall be a Layman.

SEC. 4. The Convocation shall be governed by such rules as they shall adopt, with the Bishop's approval, and each shall report through its Dean to the Bishop annually.

SEC. 5. Every Parish shall, by its Vestry, appoint one Delegate to Convocation.

SEC. 6. In Missionary Stations, the Missionary in charge or Dean of Convocation shall appoint the Lay Delegate.

CANON II.

SECTION 1. All organized Mission Stations shall be under the control of the Bishop and Missionary Committee.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop.

SEC. 3. Missionary Stations duly organized shall report to the Annual Council the same as Parishes, and shall be entitled

*By the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council, section 5 was repealed and sections 6 and 7 ordered to be numbered 5 and 6.

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to send one Delegate, who shall have the right to debate, but not to vote.

CANON III.

In any community where there are twelve baptized adults, one of whom shall be a male communicant, desirous of organizing a Missionary Station, they shall assemble themselves—their own Missionary being present, or, if they have no Missionary, any Clergyman of the Diocese being present and consenting—and adopt the following form of organization, affixing their signatures thereto, and sending a copy of the same to the Bishop of the Diocese for his approval:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Congregation, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

"Article I. This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of the ——— Mission.

"Article II. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article III. When any person uniting with this Association shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding Article, he shall cease to be a member of this Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privilege of voting in the election of officers, of being elected an officer, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; *but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.*

"Article IV. In this Mission, regular attendants at the

services of the Church shall be entitled to vote for officers and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article V. The officers of this Association shall be: The Minister in Charge as President *ex-officio;* a Warden, who must be a male communicant, and appointed by the Minister; a Secretary and a Treasurer, elected by ballot annually the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as possible, due notice having been given of time and place of election.

"Article VI. The duties of these officers shall be the same as those of like officers in organized Parishes.

"Article VII. All lands, tenements, or other property, real or personal, of this Association, shall vest in the Bishop of the Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of the Mission.

"Article VIII. We promise to pay the sum of $—— per annum for the support of the Missionary whom the Bishop or Missionary Committee may send to us."

CANON IV.*

SECTION 1. The members of the Church in the Diocese are, by their baptism, the Missionary Society of the Diocese, and the Diocesan Council is the proper Board of Missions of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The Diocesan Council shall sit as a Board of Missions at such times as the Council shall itself determine by its rules of order, or by special vote at any time.

SEC. 3. When the Council is not in session, the Missionary interests of the Diocese shall be cared for by a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, as President *ex-officio*, the General Missionary, if there be one, and three Clergymen and three Laymen, to be elected annually by the Council, sitting as the Board of Missions.

SEC. 4. The Board of Managers shall have power to regulate all matters of missionary work not ordered by the Council

* As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

of the Diocese; *Provided*, That all appointments and removals of Missionaries shall be made by the Bishop alone, or, in his absence, by the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and that no new Mission shall be opened, no old Mission abandoned, and no change made in the stipend of any particular Missionary, without the Bishop's consent.

SEC. 5. The Board of Missions shall be organized by the election of a Secretary, and its meetings shall be held not less than *four* times during the year.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall receive, hold and pay out funds subject to the order of the Board of Managers. His accounts shall be audited by the Council as a separate and distinct fund.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to make a report to the Board of Missions at the close of the year's work, reviewing the proceedings of the Board of Managers itself and the Missionary work of the Diocese.

SEC. 8. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions; *Provided*, However, that the General Missionary thus appointed shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a Priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings of new work.

TITLE IV.

OF VESTRIES AND WARDENS AND THEIR DUTIES, ETC.

CANON I.*

SECTION 1. Annually, at a meeting on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be, the members of the Parish entitled to vote shall elect from the communicants of the Parish not less than three nor more than eleven Vestrymen, of whom the Rector or Minister shall appoint one as Senior Warden and the Vestry shall elect another as Junior Warden. *Provided*, That the congregation worshiping in the Cathedral Church may, on the Monday in Easter week, or as early thereafter as practicable, elect three communicants to represent them, subject to the laws and regulations governing parochial representation; and *provided*, further, that this qualification as to Vestrymen shall not affect the eligibility to future election of any person now serving as a Vestryman.

SEC. 2. Notice of the election shall be given on Easter Day, or at the service last preceding the election, after Morning Prayer, and the Congregation duly warned of the importance of the election.

SEC. 3. The Vestry elect shall meet within ten days thereafter, and organize by the election of the Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary. As soon as the offices are filled the Secretary and Treasurer, if not re-elected, shall pass over to their successors the books, papers, accounts and moneys in their hands. The Vestry shall then proceed to elect Delegates to represent the Parish in the next Council of the Diocese, and the Secretary of the Vestry, or the Rector, shall give the Delegates-elect certificates to that effect.

SEC. 4. It is, in general, the duty of the Wardens and Vestrymen to consider and determine upon the election of a Min-

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

ister when the Parish is vacant; to see that the Minister is well and properly supported, sufficiently and punctually paid; to make and execute all contracts for the erection of Church edifices, Rectories, and other Church buildings; to provide for their furnishing and repair and due preservation; to have and to hold all Church property as Trustees of the Parish, and as such generally to transact all temporal and financial business of the Parish.

SEC. 5. It is the special duty of the Wardens to see that the Church edifice be kept from unhallowed use; that it be kept clean and in good repair, duly lighted and warmed; to provide a sufficient supply of books and ecclesiastical vestments to be used in the public ministrations by the Minister and to provide proper elements for the celebration of the Holy Communion and preserve due order during service.

SEC. 6. In the absence of the Rector the Wardens preside at Parish and Vestry meetings.

SEC. 7. In the absence of the Wardens their duties devolve on the Vestrymen.

SEC. 8. It is the duty of the Secretary to attend all the meetings of the Vestry, and perform the proper functions of his office.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys collected under authority of the Vestry; to collect all moneys due the Vestry or Congregation, and to pay them out on the order of the Vestry in the manner they shall provide. Two weeks before Easter, every year, the Treasurer shall present to the Vestry a full statement of his accounts, and the Vestry shall audit the same, and, if found correct, order the annual balance to be made up in accordance therewith.

SEC. 10. The Minister may call meetings of the Vestry whenever he shall desire, and shall call a meeting when requested by any two members of the Vestry, of which he shall give due notice; but meetings may be held at regular periods by regulation of the Vestry. At every meeting the minutes

in the former meeting shall be read and approved, or corrected and approved.

SEC. 11. It shall be the special duty of the Vestry, at the time of public service, or other meeting in the Church, to see that the Congregation is properly seated, and in the performance of this duty they shall give special attention to strangers.

CANON II.*

FORM FOR ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

SECTION 1. Hereafter all Parishes shall be organized by the adoption of the following form of organization:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Parish, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

"Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of 'The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of ——— Church.'

"Article 2. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Epriscopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article 3. When any person, uniting with this Association, shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding Article, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privileges of voting in the election of Vestrymen, of being elected a Vestryman, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; *but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.*

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Annual Councils.

"Article 4. In this Parish all baptized members of the Church, who are duly registered as members of this Congregation, shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen, and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article 5. The Vestrymen of ——— Church shall be elected annually, on the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as may be, by a majority of the voters assembled for that purpose, notice to that effect having been given publicly to the Congregation on the preceding Sunday. The Vestrymen so elected shall continue in office one year or until their successors are chosen.

"Article 6. The Rector of ——— Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting, which shall be duly convened for that purpose, they having due regard in all such elections to the previously ascertained wishes of the Congregation, and *especially* of the *communicants* of the Church.

"Article 7. No person shall be chosen Rector or Minister, or Associate Rector or Assistant Minister of——— Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry in the same, unless he be recognized by the Bishop having charge of this Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the same, as an ordained Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing. *Provided*, That nothing in this Article shall prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing, to officiate occasionally in the Church, or interfere with the performance of the usual services by the Lay readers, duly appointed to so officiate in the absence of the Rector or Minister.

"Article 8. The annual rents, contributions and other revenues raised by this Congregation, shall be applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister, and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purpose whatever.

"Article 9. This Association, or the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose name the property of —— Church may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, under his hand given, grant, alienate, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages or hereditaments, in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

"Article 10. In case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever; the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same place or vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present Church and Association.

"Article 11. This Canon is applicable to and binding on all Parishes now existing in the Diocese, and cannot be altered or amended except by the action of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas."

SEC. 2. Hereafter no organized Mission shall be admitted as a Parish into union with this Council until it shall have a Church building and can show positive evidence of its ability to contribute at least *eight hundred dollars* per annum to the support of a Rector.

CANON III.

SECTION 1. Clergymen and Laymen shall exercise due care in signing the papers of candidates for the Ministry, and shall not sign, except on personal knowledge or reasonable evidence. And if any fraud or concealment may have been used to obtain certificates, the signers, on evidence of the facts, may revoke their recommendation. And if they shall rashly or unadvisedly, without due care and caution, or through favor, or with cor-

rupt purpose, sign the recommendation of candidates, whereby unworthy or unfit persons may be admitted to the Ministry, whether they be Clergymen or Laymen, they shall be subject to ecclesiastical censure.

TITLE V.*

TRIAL OF MINISTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Clergyman in this Diocese shall be liable to presentment and trial for the following offenses, to-wit:

First—Crime and immorality.

Second - Holding and teaching, publicly or privately, and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that expressly and generally set forth in the standards of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Third—Violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Arkansas.

Fourth—Any act that involves a breach of his ordination vows.

SEC. 2. If a minister of this Church shall be found guilty of any of the offenses enumerated in the foregoing section, he shall be admonished, suspended or degraded.

SEC. 3. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial a charge or charges, with specifications, shall be made to the Judiciary Committee, signed by at least two male communicants of the Church, affirming that the same is true, and that the accusers will make the charge or charges good. Should the Bishop have reason to believe that a Clergyman is guilty of any or all of the above named offenses, he shall notify the Standing Committee of the fact, and the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall at once proceed to an investigation of the case, and should they be convinced of the guilt of the Cler-

*As amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council.

gyman, they shall make the charges to the Judiciary Committee, affirming as above. Thereupon it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Committee to furnish the accused a copy of he charge, and require an answer to be filed thereto within hirty days from the date of the receipt of said copy. On the oming in of the answer, a copy of the same shall be furnished he parties making the charge, accompanied by a notice that ll proof on the issue, of both parties, must be taken and filed ith the Secretary within thirty days from the date of the noice. All proof must be by deposition, taken before an officer uthorized to administer oaths, and must be upon reasonable otice. Both parties have the right to be present at the taking f the depositions and to be represented by counsel.

At the end of the thirty days the hearing shall close, and thereupon the said committee shall consider the charges, and if two members of the same shall deem the charges clearly within the scope of the Canons, and sustained by the proof, it shall be so declared in writing, and they shall file all the papers in the case with the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

In case the accused is a member of the Standing Committee, the two remaining Clerical members shall choose a Priest of the Diocese to supply his place, and for the purposees of this trial the Priest so chosen shall be considered a member of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 4. On the receipt of the presentation and papers it shall be the duty of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee to consider of the charge, and if in the opinion of at least two of said Clerical members, the charge be clearly within the scope of the Canons and sustained by the proof adduced, they shall cite the accused to appear before them, either in person or by representative, together with the Chancellor of the Diocese, and in their presence they shall select by lot seven Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet on a certain day after thirty days, at a certain place, within which the accused may reside. Immediately upon their selection, the accused shall strike off one name from the list of seven drawn;

the Judge Advocate shall then strike off a second name; the accused shall strike off a third name; and lastly, the Judge Advocate shall strike off a fourth, and the three remaining shall constitute the Court. Should the accused refuse to exercise his right of striking off the names as proposed, then the members of the Standing Committee present shall draw by lot from the seven names first chosen, three to constitute the Court. In case the accused or his representative, should not appear, then the drawings should proceed without him. The court shall be judges both of law and fact.

SEC. 5. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Priest of this Diocese. The Standing Committee shall give the accused thirty days' notice of the time and place of trial, and shall also deliver to him at the same time, a copy of the charges preferred against him; and he shall not be required to answer to anything not contained in the presentment.

SEC. 6. At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the Court shall assemble at the place designated, and choose a President and Clerk from their own number; and they shall before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted, if rules of ecclesiastical trial have not already been set forth by authority. *Provided, however*, That all the evidence heard at the trial shall be reduced to writing at the time it is given, and signed by the witness before he leaves the room.

SEC. 7. The accused shall be allowed counsel, whom he may choose from among the Priests of the Church, and he may also advise with a Lay communicant learned in the law. If the accused decline to choose counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for him from the Priests of the Diocese.

SEC. 8. If the accused shall not appear for trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended by the Bishop from the exercise of all Clerical functions for the space of three months. And if, in the three months, he shall not apply for

trial, at any time afterwards, with the consent and advice of the Standing Committee, the Bishop may proceed to pronounce upon the recusant the sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

SEC. 9. But if, in the three months above named, the accused shall appear for trial, the Court may proceed on the presentment originally made, and shall adjudge him guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence. The Court shall render their verdict before separation; and if it shall be guilty, they shall designate the penalty or degree of censure, which, in their judgment, ought to be pronounced against him; which the Bishop may not exceed, though he may modify it.

Immediately upon rendering the verdict, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court to notify the Bishop of the action of the Court, delivering to him all the pleadings and evidence in the case; and he shall, at the end of ten days, pronounce sentence, unless the condemned has appealed to him from the verdict of the Court. In case of appeal, the Bishop shall give notice to both the Judge Advocate and the accused, that on a day fixed he will hear the case on appeal. At such hearing the accused shall have the right to be represented by a Lay communicant learned in the law, and the Bishop may call two of the neighboring Diocesans, who shall sit with him at the hearing, to assist him in arriving at a correct determination.

SEC. 10. The Clerk of such Ecclesiastial Court shall keep a record of all the proceedings, which shall contain a copy of the presentment, the specifications under particular charges, the notice to the accused, his answer, his plea or pleas, a clear statement of the evidence for and against, both oral and written, and the judgment of the Court. An attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop.

SEC. 11. On hearing the case on appeal, the Bishop, or the Bishop and his Assessors, shall confirm the decision of the Court, and at once pronounce sentence; or, order a new trial, stating in order the reason and grounds of such decision, in which case a new Court shall be formed, after the same man-

ner as before; or, reverse the decision of the Court, according to the finding in the case, and shall declare him innocent accordingly. When the sentence of the Court is less than deposition, the Bishop may, for reasons satisfactory to him, reprieve or wholly pardon the condemned.

SEC. 12. Every summons, notice or citation, mentioned in the proceedings, shall be deemed to be duly served by the delivery of a written notice to the person to be summoned, notified or cited, or by leaving it or a certified copy at his residence or last known residence, by a person duly appointed in writing by the Standing Committee or Court, as the case may require. Depositions must be taken according to the rules of law.

SEC. 13. The Court may adjourn from day to day or to a day certain, for the purpose of allowing parties to obtain evidence that they may affirm to be necessary to the maintenance of their cause; but to obtain a postponement of trial for more than three days, the party making the motion shall solemnly affirm that such postponement is sought, not for delay, but that justice may be done, and that he expects thereby to obtain evidence which is material to his cause, and which he cannot now produce.

SEC. 14. Suspensions from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, *ipso facto*, sever the connection between a Clergyman and his Parish.

SEC. 15. If any Clergyman shall be contumacious when suspended, and attempt to perform any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry, the Bishop shall at once cite him before the Standing Committee; and, if the alleged facts be admitted or proven by sufficient evidence, on having been duly cited, such suspended Clergyman shall not appear or give reasons for not appearing, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may proceed at once to pronounce upon said recusant the grave sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Dio-

cese, without having been adjudged thereto in the manner provided in this Canon.

SEC. 17. If an accused Clergyman shall, to avoid notice or citation, remove himself out of the Diocese, he may be duly served with all notices by publicatton in some newspaper published at the Capital of the State, or the Church newspaper which the Bishop shall have adopted as the official organ of the Diocese.

SEC. 18. If there shall be a necessity for the trial of a Clergyman, at any time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all the acts assigned by this Canon to the Diocese.

SEC. 19. Any resort to a civil court on the part of the accused, for the purpose of impeding, delaying, or avoiding trial, shall be treated as contumacy, and shall be sufficient cause to suspend such Clergyman from the exercise of the Ministry for contumacy, until he shall appear and demand a trial.

SEC. 20. No Clergyman under trial, or suspension, or against whom charges have been presented by the Standing Committee, can be transferred to any other Diocese, or be received therefrom. And if charges are made against a Clergyman who has already obtained Letters Dimissory, said charges shall be sent to the Diocese to which the letters were taken, within six months after the date of said letters, and not later. And if such letters have not been presented and received at the time, the party shall be remanded to his Diocese for trial, and his Letters Dimissory thereby revoked.

SEC. 21. All rights, claims and privileges, which any Clergyman may enjoy, or have a right to enjoy or receive, in the Diocese, by virtue of her general law, or by particular Canon, are, by the sentence of suspension or deposition, *ipso facto*, forfeited and rendered void ; and every Clergyman shall hold his ecclesiastical rights subject to this enture.

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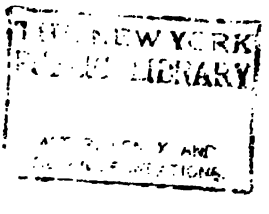
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(In the Order of their Election.)

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The Rev. JOHN GASS.	Mr. J. H. O'CONNOR.
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The Rev. JOHN DAVIS, Little Rock Convocation.
The Rev. J. J. VAULX, Fort Smith Convocation.

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THE REV. CHARLES E. CABANISS, Rector of Trinity Church..... Pine Bluff.

THE REV. JOHN DAVIS, Dean of Trinity Cathedral..... Little Rock.

THE REV. GEORGE W. FLOWERS, Rector of Trinity Church..... Van Buren.

THE REV. JOHN GASS, Rector of Christ Church..... Little Rock.

THE REV. R. S. JAMES, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church..... Eureka Springs.

THE REV. JAMES W. KEEBLE, Rector of St. Paul's, Batesville, and St. Paul's, Newport..... P. O. Batesville.

THE REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD, Rector of St. John's Church..... Helena.

THE REV. W. J. MILLER, Rector of St. Luke's Church..... Hot Springs.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Rector of St. Mark's, Hope; Grace, Washington, St. James', Prescott; Church of the Redeemer, Nashville.... P. O. Hope.

THE REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, D. D., Rector of St. Agnes' Church..... Morrilton.

THE REV. D. B. RAMSAY, Rector of St. John's Church..... Camden.

THE REV. D. L. TRIMBLE, B. D..... Pine Bluff.

THE REV. J. J. VAULX, Rector of St. Paul's Church..... Fayetteville.

THE REV. E. J. WILLIAMS, Rector of St. Andrew's Church..... Mammoth Spring.

Deacon.

THE REV. I. P. DANIELS, Minister in charge of St. Philip's..... Little Rock.

Parishes and Missions,

WITH NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

ARKANSAS CITY, Mission.

BATESVILLE, St. Paul's—Messrs. J. C. Fitzhugh, John Warner. *Alternates*—Dr. Wm. Lawrence,* W. Ritchie Keeble.

BRINKLEY, Mission.

CAMDEN, St. John's—Messrs. Caleb H. Stone,* Joseph A. Reeves* and Hamilton Smith.*

CENTER POINT, Mission.

DARDANELLE, St. Paul's.

EUREKA SPRINGS, St. James'—Messrs. George S. Brown,* Charles D. James, George W. Taylor.* *Alternate*—Henry G. Higgins.

FAYETTEVILLE, St. Paul's.

FORREST CITY, Church of the Good Shepherd—Messrs. Walter Gorman,* Edwin Landvoigt, Ellis Turley.*

FORT SMITH, St. John's—Messrs. John H. Rogers,* M. D. Hunton, Dr. Epler.* *Alternates*—George H. Walsh* and E. F. Furner.*

HELENA, St. John's—Messrs. John J. Hornor,* S. S. Faulkner, C. H. Purvis. *Alternates*—G. T. Updegraff,* Joseph Heslep, J. H. O'Connor.

HOPE, St. Mark's—Messrs. J. T. West,* M. H. Barlow.*

HOT SPRINGS, St. Luke's—Messrs. George G. Latta,* R. B. Bancroft, M. C. Tombler. *Alternates*—W. W. Little,* H. R. Vaughan,* Edwin S. Weaver.*

LAKE VILLAGE, Emmanuel.

LITTLE ROCK, Trinity Cathedral—Messrs. P. K. Roots, George F. Burchard,* Arthur F. Adams. *Alternates*—W. G. Whipple, C. H. Kennedy, John R. Hughes.*

LITTLE ROCK, Christ Church.

LITTLE ROCK, St. Philip's—Messrs. J. O. W. Alexander and Samuel Spight.*

MAMMOTH SPRINGS, St. Andrew's—Mr. P. P. B. Hynson.* *Alternate*—Mr. H. G. King.*

MARIANNA, St. Andrew's—Messrs. D. S. Clark,* J. P. Dunham,* W. G. Barnes.* *Alternates*—E. D. Ragland,* W. T. Barnes,* John M. Daggett.

MORRILTON, St. Agnes'—Dr. W. M. Scarborough.*

NASHVILLE, Church of the Redeemer.

NEWPORT, St. Paul's—Messrs. Gustave Jones, Charles L. Minor. *Alternates*—Henry A. Ridley* and John T. Flynn.*

OGAMAW, Mission.

PINE BLUFF, Trinity Church—Messrs. Day Mills, F. P. R. Ellis and R. W. Sherwood

*Not present at the Council.

PRESCOTT, St. James'.
RICHMOND, Mission.
ROCKY COMFORT, Mission.
VAN BUREN, Trinity Church.
WASHINGTON, Grace.
WINSLOW, Mission.

RECTORIES.

The following Parishes have Rectories:

St. Paul's ..... Batesville.
St. Paul's ..... Dardanelle.
St. John's ..... Fort Smith.
Trinity Cathedral ..... Little Rock.
Christ Church ..... Little Rock.
St. Philip's ..... Little Rock.
St. Andrew's ..... Mammoth Spring.
Trinity ..... Van Buren.
St. John's ..... Camden.
St. Paul's ..... Fayetteville.
St. John's ..... Helena.
St. Paul's ..... Newport.
Trinity ..... Pine Bluff.
Grace ..... Washington.
St. Agnes' Church ..... Morrilton.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-third Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas met in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on Wednesday, May 8, 1895. The opening service was held at 11 a.m., at which the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., and the Rev. W. J. Miller, A. M. B. D. The sermon was preached by Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Rector of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, who took for his text, Joel III, 14, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision."

After the service, the Council was called to order by the Bishop, and on calling the roll the following Clergy answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D.

Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. W. J. Miller,
Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss,	Rev. A. W. Pierce,
Rev. John Davis,	Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D.,
Rev. John Gass,	Rev. D. B. Ramsay,
Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,	Rev. J. J. Vaulx,
Rev. J. W. Keeble,	Rev. E, J. Williams,
Rev. C H. Lockwood,	Rev. I. P. Daniels, Deacon.

The President appointed the Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss and the Rev. Dr. James as a Committee on Credentials, who made the following report:

To the Diocesan Council:

We, the undersigned Committee on the Credentials of Lay Delegates, beg leave to report that we have examined those of the following Parishes and Missions, and find them in due form:

TRINITY CATHEDRAL—Messrs. P. K. Roots, Geo. F. Burchard, Arthur F. Adams. *Alternates*—Wm. G. Whipple, Charles H. Kennedy and John R. Hughes.

ST. JOHN'S, HELENA.—Messrs. John J. Hornor, S. S. Faulkner, C. H. Purvis. *Alternates*—S. T. Updegraff, Joseph Heslep and J. H. O'Connor.

ST. ANDREW'S, MARIANNA.—Messrs. D. S. Clark, J. C. Dunham, W. G. Barnes. *Alternates*—E. D. Ragland, W. T. Barnes and John M. Daggett.

ST. ANDREWS, MAMMOTH SPRING.—Mr. P. P. B. Hynson. *Alternate*—Mr. W. G. King.

ST. LUKE'S, HOT SPRINGS.—Messrs. Geo. G. Latta, R. B. Bancroft, M. C. Tombler. *Alternates*—W. W. Little, H. R. Vaughan, Edwin S. Weaver.

ST. PHILIP'S, LITTLE ROCK.—Messrs. J. O. W. Alexander, Samuel Spight.

TRINITY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.—Messrs. Day Mills, F. P. R. Ellis and R. W. Sherwood.

ST. JAMES, EUREKA SPRINGS.—Messrs. Geo S. Brown, Chas. D. James, Geo. W. Taylor. *Alternate*—Henry G. Higgins.

ST. MARK'S, HOPE.—Messrs. J. T West, M. H. Barlow.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FORREST CITY.—Messrs. Walter Gorman, Edwin Landvoigt and Ellis Turley.

ST. JOHN'S, FORT SMITH.—Messrs. John H. Rogers, M. D. Hunton, Dr. Epler. *Alternates*—Geo. H. Walsh, E. F. Furner.

ST. PAUL'S, NEWPORT.—Messrs. Gustave Jones, Charles L. Minor. *Alternates*—Henry A. Ridley, John T. Flynn.

St. PAUL'S, BATESVILLE.—Messrs. J. C. Fitzhugh, John Warner. *Alternates*—Dr. Wm. Lawrence, W. Ritchie Keeble.

ST. JOHN'S, CAMDEN.—Messrs. Caleb H. Stone, Joseph A. Reeves, Hamilton Smith.

In the case of St. Agnes, Morrilton, we find the certificate in due form in regard to the name of one of the Delegates, Mr. W. M. Scarborough, but unusual as to the other two, as they are the names of ladies, Mrs. M. E. Stout and Miss Jennie Breeden.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. CABANISS,
RICHARD S. JAMES,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received, and on calling the roll the following Lay Delegates answered to their names:

P. K. Roots,
W. G. Whipple,
C. H. Purvis,
Joseph Heslep,
J. H. O'Connor,
W. Ritchie Keeble,
John Warner,
Gustave Jones,
Charles L. Minor,
Edwin Landvoigt,
J. C. Fitzhugh,

On motion of the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, the Rev. W. J. Miller was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood moved that the Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Chicago, and the Rev. Arthur W. Higby, of Texarkana, Tex., who are now present, be invited to seats in this Council. Carried.

On motion of the Rev. W. T. Allen, a committee of three clergymen was appointed to arrange for a missionary meeting, to be held in Christ Church, on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. The President appointed as such committee, the Rev. John Gass, the Rev. John Davis, and the Rev. W. T. Allen.

The Rev. John Davis moved that the daily sessions of the Council be held from 9 a. m. to 12:30 and from 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK,
Thursday, May 9, 1895.

The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. E. J. Williams, and the Very Reverend Dean Davis. Immediately after the service, the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

On calling the roll, the following Delegates answered to their names, who were not present at the opening session:

Charles D. James, St. James', Eureka Springs.

John M. Daggett, St. Andrew's, Marianna.

Day Mills, Trinity Church, Pine Bluff.

R. B. Bancroft, St. Luke's, Hot Springs.

M. C. Tombler, St. Luke's, Hot Springs.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion, the arrearage in assessment on St. James' Church, Eureka Springs, was remitted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. James, the arrearage in assessment on St. Paul's Church, Newport, was remitted.

The Standing Committees for the transaction of the business of the Council were appointed as follows:

On Credentials.

Rev. R. S. James, D. D., Rev. Charles E Cabaniss.

Ways and Means.

Rev. John Gass, Mr. J. C. Fitzhugh,
Mr. J. H. O'Connor.

On New Parishes.

Rev. E. J. Williams, Mr. Charles L. Minor,
Mr. Edwin Landvoigt.

State of the Church.

Rev. D. B. Ramsay, Rev. Dr. Potter,
Rev. J. W. Keeble, Mr. P. K. Roots,
Rev. A. W. Pierce, Mr. Joseph Heslep,
Rev. C. E. Cabaniss, Mr. George S. Brown.

Auditing and Finance.

Mr. A. F. Adams, Mr. John Warner.

Unfinished Business.

Rev. R. S. James, D. D., Rev. W. J. Miller,
Rev. John Davis, Mr. C. H. Purvis

Constitution and Canons.

Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Mr. W. G Whipple,
Rev. G. W. Flowers, Mr. Gustave Jones,
Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Mr. J. M. Daggett,
Rev. W. T. Allen, Mr. S. S. Faulkner.

The Bishop read his Annual Address. (See Appendix [illegible]

After the reading of the Address, the Rev. Mr. Vaul moved that that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Statistics of the Diocese be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Carried.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. James, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the indebtedness on St. Paul's Church, Dardanelle, was referred to a committee of three Clergymen, and the President appointed as such committee, the Rev. Dr. James and the Rev. Messrs. J. J. Vaulx and W. T. Allen.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Vaulx, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rev. Caleb A. Bruce and Mr. George H. Van Etten, was referred to two spe-

cial committees of three Clergymen and three Laymen. The President appointed as Special Committee on the death of the Rev. Mr. Bruce, the Rev. Messrs J. J. Vaulx, C. H. Lockwood and D. B. Ramsay, and as Special Committee on the death of Mr. George H. Van Etten, Messrs. W. G. Whipple, P. K. Roots and S. S. Faulkner.

The Rev. Mr. Vaulx moved that the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, appointed at the last Council and to report to the present Council, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Carried.

As this is the day set apart for the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Bishop's Consecration, and as the hour for the appointed service had arrived, on motion, a recess was taken until 3 p. m.

CELEBRATION

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION

OF THE

RT. REV. HENRY NILES PIERCE, D. D. LL. D.

BISHOP OF ARKANSAS.

SECRETARY'S NOTE.

Our beloved Bishop reached the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration to to the Episcopate on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th, 1895. At his request, the celebration of this happy event was postponed until the second day of the Annual Council, May 9th, 1895, when he would have around him the Clergy of the Diocese and representatives from the various Parishes and Missions. This celebration was looked forward to with more than ordinary interest by the Clergy and people of the Diocese and the Bishop's many personal friends. The silver jubilee of the pastorate of a single flock, is an event of great interest and of congratulations, but the silver jubilee of a Bishop is a far more notable event in that the Episcopate is one of the greatest monumental evidences of the truth of Jesus and the Resurrection. Indeed, the Episcopate was raised up for this very purpose, that it should be a witness to the Resurrection unto the end of the world. That one should be spared for a quarter of a century to participate in such witnessing, is an event that must command the attention of all thoughtful and earnest men.

The RT. REV. HENRY NILES PIERCE, D. D. LL. D., the fourth Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Arkansas and the first Bishop of the Diocese, was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, October 19, 1820. He was graduated at Brown University, in 1842. After passing his theological examination, he was ordained Deacon April 23, 1843, so that he has been in the ministry for fifty-two years. On January 3, 1849, he was advanced to the Priesthood and was successively Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile, Ala., and St. Paul's Church, Springfield, Ill., his Rectorship of the two Parishes covering a period of twenty years, or from 1850 to 1870. It was while he was Rector at St. Paul's Church that he was elected by the House of Bishops to be the Bishop of the Jurisdiction of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. His consecration to the Episcopate took place at Mobile, Ala., on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, 1870, the consecrating Bishops being Bishops Green, of Mississippi, Whitehouse, of Illinois, R. H. Wilmer, of Alabama, Quintard, of Tennessee, J. P. B. Wilmer, of Louisiana, and Young, of Florida.

It may not be uninteresting to note that Bishop Pierce was the ninety-fifth Bishop consecrated in the American line of the Episcopate. Of the Bishops then living there were fifty-one, there being thus fifty Bishops ranking as his seniors in office. During these twenty-five years seventy-nine Bishops have been consecrated, making 174 in all. Of these eighty-two are still living, and Bishop Pierce ranks fifteenth in the order of consecration, thus showing what "manifold changes and chances" have characterized the history of the House of Bishops.

When the Bishop took charge of the jurisdiction to which he was assigned he entered upon a life of hardship, sacrifice and unremitting toil. The field he had entered was purely a missionary field, with a few scattered congregations, very feeble, both in means and numbers, and far removed from one another. The Episcopal visitations involved great labor, fatigue and exposure. Only a very strong man physically could undertake such work. The only railroad at that time in the State was the Memphis & Little Rock, and perhaps some portions of other lines. The great Iron Mountain system had not yet been completed. The railroad bridge at Little Rock was not built until 1872-3. Traveling in the State was mostly by stages, private conveyances and by boat.

The above statement will give some idea of the missionary field and work upon which the Bishop had entered. The old journals, as well as the later ones, show that he traveled as many as eight and nine thousand miles each year, which is a remarkable record of endurance and faithfulness of purpose.

Shortly after the Bishop's arrival in the State steps were taken towards the organization of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Arkansas into a Diocese. To this end a Convocation was held on Ascension Day, May 18, 1871, at which there were present seven Clergymen and three Lay Delegates from three Parishes. At this meeting a full Diocesan organization was decided upon and the Bishop was asked to call the Primary Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, to be held on St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24, 1871. The Primary Council met in Christ Church, Little Rock, on the day appointed, and set forth a Constitution and Canons, and elected Bishop Pierce as Diocesan. The first Annual Council was likewise held in Christ Church, Little Rock, on May 9, 1872.

Of these early days of the Bishop's Episcopate, very little can be found in the way of statistics, showing the condition of the Episcopal Church in the State of Arkansas. But church life was very feeble, the communicants few in number and greatly scattered, and what Parishes there were were simply at the beginning of things. Long years of patient toil, many discouragements and drawbacks, but withal an abiding hopefulness must be experienced before anything like an assured and confident life could be realized. The Bishop's work and that of his Clergy was foundation work, and with but small means to carry on even that. But already there are many evidences of life and strength manifested in this still small Diocese that are an earnest of the future. When Bishop Pierce took charge there were but five church buildings, one parsonage and 605 communicants, as reported by Bishop Lay, who was translated to the Diocese of Easton, in 1869. To-day there are twenty-seven church buildings, sixteen parsonages or rectories, one guild hall, nearly 3000 communicants

and a church membership of about 15,000. The Diocese has property valued at something over $225,000, and the offerings for religious purposes average about $25,000 a year. The Episcopal Endowment Fund has gradually grown, and without any special effort for its increase, until it now amounts to $15,000.

One work in this enumeration must not be omitted. Bishop Pierce is to be congratulated that the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration witnesses the completion of his Cathedral and its entire freedom from debt. It has been a marvel to us who were mere on-lookers how the Bishop managed to accomplish so much. Year after year witnessed some addition to the Cathedral until to-day it stands forth as a fine specimen of old English Church architecture and as a monument to the Bishop's unfaltering faith, business management and of the high purpose he has in mind. For several years a burden of debt rested upon it which it was thought would take many years to lift, but through the large-hearted liberality of a member of the Cathedral congregation the debt was paid and the Cathedral is now free and ready for consecration.

Besides building Trinity Cathedral, the Bishop also built St. Philip's Church and parsonage for the use of the colored people of Little Rock. This property is also free from debt through the Bishop's own efforts, and the church is ready for consecration. It is used every Sunday by a congregation of colored people, a minister of their own race officiating.

THE CELEBRATION.

On Thursday, May 9th, 1895, at 11 a. m., the Bishop, Clergy and a number of the faithful, assembled in Trinity Cathedral for the purpose of celebrating by a special service of Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop of the Diocese.

There were present of the Clergy, besides the Bishop, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, the Rev. W. J. Miller, the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, the Rev. Dr. Potter, the Rev. Dr. James, the Rev. D. B. Ramsay, the Rev. John Davis, the Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. Charles E. Cabaniss, Rev. George W. Flowers, the Rev. J. W. Keeble, the Rev. John Gass, the Rev. E. J. Williams, the Rev. A. W. Pierce and the Rev. I. P. Daniels.

In the congregation were representatives from the following Parishes:

Trinity Cathedral, Christ Church, and St. Philip's, Little Rock; St. John's, Helena; St. Luke's, Hot Springs; St. John's, Fort Smith; St. James', Eureka Springs; St. Paul's,

Batesville; St. Andrew's Marianna; Trinity Church, Pine Bluff; St. Paul's, Newport; Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. D. B. Ramsay and the Very Rev. John Davis, Dean of the Cathedral. The appointed preacher was the Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, the Rev. James J. Vaulx, who took for his text, St. Matt. XXVIII, 18, 19 and 20. The preacher set forth the divine origin of the ministry of the Christian Church and its transmission through the ages by Apostolic Succession, and in beautiful and appropriate words he referred to the work of the Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D., as Bishop and Apostle during the past quarter of a century. An interesting feature of the service was the solemn benediction of a costly set of Altar hangings for the Trinity Season, which was presented as a thank offering by two of the Bishop's friends.

At the close of the service, while the congregation yet remained, the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Hon. Wm. G. Whipple, in an eloquent address, presented to the Bishop as coming from the Clergy and people of the Diocese, a handsome cope, richly embroidered, as a token of their love, esteem and congratulations.

The following resolutions were read as a greeting from St. John's Church, Fort Smith:

FORT SMITH, ARK., April 18, 1895.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Fort Smith, Ark., held May 3d, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we, the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. John's Church acting in behalf of St. John's Parish, desire hereby to testify our profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father that it has pleased him to spare one dear Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D. LL. D., for a quarter of a century to go in and out among us as our Apostolic Father. That we do extend to him our warmest congratulations that he has reached this period of life in the full enjoyment and vigor of mental and physical health.

"*Resolved, 2.* That we are mindful and highly appreciative of the very arduous and unwonted labor required to administer a Diocese which for a large part of this quarter century had few facilities for travel, necessitating weariness and painful-

ness, hunger and thirst, and often bodily danger in meeting his appointments, besides what came upon him daily, the care of all the churches—and the further disadvantage under which he has labored in the difficulty of securing self-sacrificing men willing to come to this,at that time,unsettled country. And we pray the Lord of the Harvest, that he may be spared to this Diocese for many years to come and that his future labors will be abundantly blessed, so that he may see of the travail of his soul in the rapid up-building of the Diocese along all lines and finally in the fulfillment of those blessed promises, 'He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him,' and 'They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.'

"*Resolved*, 3. That we desire to express and put upon record in the archives of this Diocese this testimonial of our loyalty and affection, on this the 25th anniversary of his Episcopate in this Diocese.

"W. T. ALLEN,
Rector and Chairman of Committee,
"JOHN H. ROGERS, *Senior Warden*,
"W. M. MELLETTE, *Junior Warden*,
"E. F. FURNER, *Secretary*,
"JOHN VAILE,
"DR. EPLER."

In a few well chosen words the Bishop responded, speaking of his appreciation of the gift and of the words of cheer which had been addressed to him.

The benediction was then pronounced and the 450th hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung as the recessional.

SECOND DAY—Continued.

THURSDAY, May 9, 3 P. M.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Council reassembled and was called to order as the Board of Missions.

The Rev. Geo. W. Flowers appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. W. T. Allen, Secretary of the Board of Managers, read the report of the Board, as follows :

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS FROM MAY 1, 1894, TO MAY 1, 1895.

The Board of Managers for Diocesan Missions begs leave to make the following report of its financial condition, of its proceedings since its last annual report, and of the needs of this Diocese in the missionary field.

From May 1, 1894, to May 1, 1895, the Board has raised $680.73 from the fol. lowing places :

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions for the Year Ending April 30, 1895.

FROM.	RECEIPTS.				
	First Quarter.	Second Quarter.	Third Quarter.	Fourth Quarter.	Year Total.
Ads. in Missionary	$ 18 50	$ 10 00			$ 28 50
St. Andrew's, Marianna	4 40		$ 8 95	$ 5 60	18 95
Grace Church, Washington	4 48	3 00	2 60		10 08
St. John's, Fort Smith	22 00	25 00	21 00	22 00	90 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	25 00	25 00		42 77	92 77
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	17 60	5 30	17 05	5 15	45 10
Trinity Mission, Searcy	4 10	3 65	3 25		11 00
Good Shepherd Forrest City	2 40		5 20		7 60
St. John's, Camden	15 00		15 00	30 00	60 00
St. Agnes', Morrilton	2 50	5 00		7 50	16 00
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	7 95	13 85	4 80	8 30	34 90
St. John's, Helena	30 05	35 31	40 00	29 15	134 51
Subscription to Missionary		1 00	50	50	2 00
St. Paul's, Batesville		6 00	8 00	16 00	30 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Springs		2 62		6 15	8 77
St. Philip's, Little Rock		2 00		60	2 60
St. James', Eureka Springs		3 00		9 00	12 00
St. Paul's, Newport			7 00	5 35	12 35
St. Mark's, Hope				4 20	4 20
Trinity, Van Buren			21 00		21 00
Christ Church, Little Rock				36 05	36 05
St. Luke's Brinkley				3 35	3 35
Totals	$153 98	$140 73	$154 35	$231 67	$680 73

Received from P. K. Roots, former Treasurer	$238 40
Total in hand during year	$919 13
Expended as per statement below	619 55
Balance in hand of the Treasurer May 8, 1895	$299 58

To.	Paid Out During Year.				
	First Quarter.	Second Quarter.	Third Quarter.	Fourth Quarter.	Year.
Rev. C. A. Bruce	$ 25 00	$ 50 00	$ 25 00	$ 25 00	$125
Rev. R. S. James	50 00	50 00	25 00	25 00	150
Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter	50 00	50 00	25 00	25 00	150
Rev. E. J. Williams		50 00	25 00	25 00	100
Printing Missionary	13 50	13 50	11 40	11 00	49
Mailing Missionary			3 25	3 00	6
Postage	20		25	25	
Rev. C. H. Lockwood		4 25	8 50	8 70	21
Rev. I. P. Daniels		10 00			10
Stationery			75		
Rev. W. T. Allen				6 00	6
Totals	$138 70	$227 75	$124 15	$128 95	$619 5

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. ADAMS.

Treasurer.

In every instance, the sum raised by this plan is largely in excess of what was raised by these places before adopting this plan. Unfortunately, all the places have not yet put the plan into operation. We feel confident that had this been done the Board would have had a much larger sum to report. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." The Board respectfully invites the attention and *serious consideration* of the Council to the following facts:

There are in Arkansas about 70 towns of over 500 population, and about 126 towns of over 300 population. Out of this number the Episcopal Church has churches in only 26. She has regular services every Sunday in only 11 places, and *occasional* services in 17 places. This leaves 27 places of over 500 and 83 places of over 300 inhabitants in which there are never any Episcopal services. We have 16 Clergymen to divide up into 126 places. It is long division, and the quotient is *about* one Clergyman to eight places. Numbers of people and many towns in Arkansas never saw an Episcopal service. The field is white to the harvest. It is well known that when wheat is white to the harvest it must be harvested in a very short time or it will be lost. This is *eminently* true of the great harvest-field of Arkansas. If the Episcopal Church is ever to succeed in these towns she must plant churches in them at once. The ground is being rapidly preoccupied by the various religious bodies around us with most commendable zeal. Just now, building-sites can be secured cheap, and the few Episcopal families that are in these towns can be kept in the Church. But pardon us if we illustrate what is happening in Arkansas by what

happened in a town in Alabama. There lived in this town a large Church family. They made every effort to secure Episcopal services there. After years of vain effort these Christian parents concluded that they could not see their children grow up without any religious training; so they sent them to the Presbyterian Church. The result is there were, a short time since, eighty members of the different generations of this family who formed the bone and sinew of a strong Presbyterian Church there. They might have formed a strong Episcopal Church. If it is replied: "They ought not to have left the Church." Admit it; but we must deal with people as they are and not as they ought to be. If the mother *will* not or cannot provide food for the children, they must beg it of strangers. This same thing is happening all over Arkansas. Now is the *crisis* in the history of the Church in Arkansas. The ground we are losing now can never be regained. *One dollar now* is worth *$50* or *$100* ten years hence.

Now, what is the Diocese of Arkansas doing towards sending ministers to these places, and helping to build churches in them? Four years ago, the whole Diocese of Arkansas raised the great sum of about $75 for this purpose. Three years ago, it gave about the same. Two years ago, the Council adopted a plan by which every minister was requested to organize a Diocesan Missionary Society in his Parish or charge, along certain specified lines. Of course the plan could not be gotten into full operation the first year; but with partial organization, you raised $612.25, as much as had been raised the previous six years before adopting the plan. This last year, although there are still some places which have not put the plan into operation, you raised $680.73, notwithstanding the great financial depression over the country. A vast improvement, enabling us to aid many weak places in combining to secure occasional services; but we can barely hold the ground we now occupy. We cannot do any aggressive work to extend the Church. We must put more men into the field. But to do this, we must have more money. You of the Laity must give this money. The future of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas is in your hands. It has been demonstrated by the facts that whenever the plan has been put into operation, the Laity have responded liberally. To illustrate, one Parish which we know of gave $7.50 the year before adopting the plan. The first year it adopted the plan, this place gave $82, and the second year of its adoption of the plan, it gave $90, and the increase has almost been proportionate over the Diocese. What are the Clergy and Laity going to do in the matter? Will they throw themselves heart and mind and soul into the harvest-field, gathering sheaves unto eternal life; or will they sit supinely down and see the great harvest of immortal souls lost? Will you see the Church which you claim to be Holy, Catholic and Apostolic outstripped in Apostolic zeal and Apostolic labors and Apostolic success by every religious body around you? If we are going to do this, let us renounce our high-sounding claims and pretentions. This missionary question is the great overshadowing, burning question of this Council. It throws all others in the background. We may come here and talk wisely about Canons, and "resolve" beautifully, but if we go away from this Council without having advanced the cause of missions in this Diocese, we shall have been a dead failure as a Council. We shall

have sinned against God, sinned against immortal souls, sinned against our own souls, and proved ourselves unworthy of the great trust and responsibility which Christ has committed to us. May God give us wisdom to see what we ought to do and grace to perform it. The Board cannot close its report without expressing its gratitude to the "Lord of the Harvest" for the success with which He has crowned the efforts of the struggling Parishes who, having already heavy burdens of current expenses to carry, have so unselfishly sacrificed themselves to give to the mission field. We believe that they will reap an hundredfold in increase of spirituality in this world and in the end, everlasting life.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. ALLEN,
Secretary Board of Managers.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be called upon for a fuller report of all their meetings and proceedings during the past year.

Adopted.

Whereupon, the Secretary of the Board read the minutes of the quarterly meetings of the Board of Managers for the year.

The Rev. Mr. Ramsay offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Missions that the Board of Managers shall rescind all orders to missionaries in reference to any reports.

Adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ramsay, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions suggest to the Diocesan Council that Title III, Canon IV, Section 3, be amended as follows: That all the words of said section, after the words, "if there be one," be stricken out, and the following words be inserted, "and those individuals elected members of the Standing Committee."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. James, the Board of Missions adjourned and was called to order as the Council of the Diocese.

The Council resuming its session, the Very Rev. Dean Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be authorized to add the sum of $160 to the usual assessments, said sum to be divided equally among the four clerical Deputies to the General Convention to assist in defraying their personal expenses.

Adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gass, the resolution of the Board

of Missions recommending a change in Title III, Canon IV, Section 3, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Rev. Dr. James read the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that we find on the Journal the following matters to be considered at this Council, viz.: On page 25 the Committee on Constitution and Canons was to report at this session. On the same page we find that the consideration of the amendment to the Constitution, approved by the Twenty-first Annual Council, was postponed until this, the Twenty-third Annual Council. We also draw attention to a resolution offered by the late Rev. Caleb A. Bruce in reference to the property of Grace Chapel, Phillips County, to be found on page 26. Also on page 27 we find a resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Ramsay requesting the Chancellor of the Diocese and the Committee on Judiciary to examine and inform the Council as to the steps to be taken in order that the Council or Diocese of Arkansas may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MILLER,
RICHARD S. JAMES,
JOHN DAVIS,
C. H. PURVIS,
Committee.

Mr. W. G. Whipple moved a reconsideration of the resolution providing for the expenses of Deputies to the General Convention. Carried.

After a general discussion the whole question was, on motion of Mr. Gustave Jones, laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ramsay, the election of officers was made the first order of the day on Friday, after the reports of the Standing Committee and other officers of the Diocese.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. C. H. Lockwood,	Mr. P. K. Roots,
Rev. W. J. Miller,	Mr. John J. Hornor,
Rev. J. J. Vaulx,	Mr. J. A. Reeves,
Rev. R. S. James, D. D.	Mr. J. M. Daggett.

The Council then proceeded to the election of supplementary Deputies and the tellers reported that the following had received a majority of the votes cast, and they were declared to be duly elected in the order given, as

SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTIES.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. J. W. Keeble,	Mr. M. C. Tombler,
Rev. John Gass,	Mr. J. H. O'Connor,
Rev. D. B. Ramsay,	Mr. Gustave Jones,
Rev. G. W. Flowers.	Mr. Edwin Landvoigt.

Mr. Arthur F. Adams read the report of the Auditing and Finance Committee, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Committee on Finance and Auditing beg leave to report that they have examined and checked the several reports of Treasurer of the different funds and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. WARNER,
A. F. ADAMS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, the resolution proposing the amendment of Title III, Canon IV, Section 3, and referred to the Committee on Constitutions and Canons, was withdrawn.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Ramsay moved the adoption of the resolution. Carried.

The Secretary read a communication in regard to Grace Chapel, Phillips County, in which it appeared that the chapel was private property and had gone into decay. The Secretary

was, therefore, instructed to remove the name of Grace Chapel from the list of Parishes and Missions.

On motion a recess was taken until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 10, 3 P. M.

Council reassembled and was called to order by the Bishop.

Mr. J. O. W. Alexander, Delegate from St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, appeared and took his seat.

The first order of business being the election of Diocesan officers, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot for the re-election of Mr. P. K. Roots as Treasurer of the Diocese and also of the Fund for Disabled Clergy.

On motion of the Rev. Dean Davis, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot for the Council for the re-election of Mr. S. S. Faulkner as Trustee of the Episcopate Fund.

Nominations being in order for Trustees of the University of the South, the Rev. John Davis and Messrs. R. B. Bancroft and R. W. Sherwood were put in nomination, and the vote of the Council being taken they were duly elected.

On motion, Mr. Arthur F. Adams was elected Registrar of he Diocese.

On motion, Messrs. John H. Rogers and Charles D. James were re-elected members of the Judiciary Committee.

The Secretary of the Council read a communication from the General Secretary of the Free and Open Church Association requesting the appointment of a local Secretary to represent the Association in this Diocese. At the request of the Council the Bishop appointed the Rev. W. J. Miller as such local Secretary.

The time having arrived for the election of Preacher of Council Sermon for 1896, the Rev. George W. Flowers was nominated and elected and the Rev. J. W. Keeble was elected alternate.

Mr. M. D. Hunton, Delegate from St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner moved a reconsideration of the vote the Council by which Title III, Canon IV, Section 3, w amended, which was carried and the whole matter was laid the table.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet as the

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Mr. C. H. Purvis moved that the Board of Missions procee to the election of a Board of Managers for the ensuing yea Carried.

On motion, the old Board was unanimously re-elected, as follows:

Rev. C. H. Lockwood,	Mr. John J. Horner,
Rev. John Davis,	Mr. A. F. Adams,
Rev. W. T. Allen.	Mr. J. A. Reeves.

There being no further business, the Board of Missions adjourned to meet as the Council of the Diocese.

The Council, resuming its session, the Rev. Mr. Vaulx read the report of the special committee on the indebtedness of St. Paul's Church, Dardanelle, as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the case of the indebtedness on the church property at Dardnanelle, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions be, and is hereby instructed to pay to the Bishop from the surplus in his hands the sum of fifty (50) dollars, to be used towards the liquidation of the debt.

Resolved, That the various Parishes and Missions be requested to make a contribution annually to be paid to the Bishop for this purpose until the debt is extinguished.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. VAULX,
R. S. JAMES,
Committee.

On motion, the above resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Day Mills offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council request the Missionaries of the Diocese to make at least quarterly reports to the Bishop.

The vote by orders being called for, the resolution was opted by the following vote: Clerical, yeas 6, nays 5; Lay, as 7, nay 1.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was erred the proposed amendments to the Constitution and ions, made its report, which was adopted article by article, follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

. Change Title to read, "Constitution and Canons of the ocese of Arkansas." Adopted.

. Change Preamble to read, "The Protestant Episcopal urch in the Diocese of Arkansas," etc. Adopted.

. Also change fourth line of Preamble to read, "To which stitution and Canons, this DIOCESE hereby accedes," in- d of "this Church." Adopted.

rticle II. Change seventh line to read, "Chosen by the try for that purpose from among the male communicants each congregation; or, in case of organized Missions, to appointed by the minister in charge. Adopted.

rticle II. Change second paragraph to read, "The Chan- or, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall, *ex-officio*, ntitled to seats in the Council with privilege of debate, but ll have no vote as such." Adopted.

rticle II. Change third line in third paragraph to read, ay require action *by* the Diocese." Adopted.

rticle II. Change third paragraph, fourth line, to read, iocese," instead of "whole Church." Adopted.

rticle III. Change to read as follows: "In the Diocese Arkansas, all Parishes, Missions and congregations shall organized in conformity with the Canon relating thereto, no Parish shall have an organic existence or corporate in said Diocese unless acknowledged by the Council and roved by the Bishop." Adopted.

rticle IV. The committee recommended that Article IV amended by striking out the first clause so that Article will in, "The Council," etc. Adopted.

Article IV. Change first line to read, "*or* resolution," instead of "*and* resolution." Adopted.

Article VI. Change second line to read, "any *congregation*," instead of "any Church." Adopted.

Article VI. Change seventh line to read, "Congregation or Parish," instead of "Church." Adopted.

The above amendments having been approved, the Secretary was directed to notify the Parishes and to send to all Rectors and Wardens printed copies of the same.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CANONS.

I. Change Title by adding "of Arkansas," so that it will read, "Title I" of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas." Adopted.

Change Title I, Canon II, section 2, in second line, by inserting the word "which" after the word "funds." Also, in fourth line, amend the clause "with a distinct place," so as to read "with distinct places." Also, amend seventh line, "a balance sheet to the Auditing Committee," to read, "a balance sheet to the *Council*." Adopted.

Title I, Canon III, section 1. Amend fifth line as follows: Instead of "It shall be the duty of said Registrar," read, "Said Registrar shall." Also, seventh line, "and to hold them subject," to read, "and shall hold them subject." Adopted.

Title I, Canon IV, section 2. Amend second line, "and it shall be the duty," etc., to read, "and the Vestry shall." Adopted.

Title I, Canon VII, section 1. It having been proposed to amend the second line to read, "There shall be elected three Priests by the Priests, and two Laymen by the Laymen," the committee did not recommend its adoption, and the vote of the Council being taken the proposed amendment was rejected.

Title I, Canon VII, section 1. Amend fifth line, "To constitute a quorum, two Priests must be present," to read, "A quorum shall consist of three, two of whom, at least, shall be Priests." Also, strike out "and" in sixth line, and begin sentence, "When required by one member." Adopted.

Title I, Canon VII, section 2. Amend first line, "It shall be he duty of the Secretary to," to read, "The Secretary shall keep." Adopted.

Title I, Canon VII, section 2. Amend fifth line, "or the Council, when required," to read, "the Council or the Bishop, when required." Adopted.

Title I, Canon VII, section 4. Amend first line, "It shall be he duty of," etc., to read, "The Standing Committee shall call." Also third word in section 4, to read "Episcopate" instead of "Diocese." Adopted.

Title I, Canon IX, section 2. Amend seventh line, "It shall be the duty of the said Trustee," to read, "The said Trustee shall."

Title I, Canon IX, section 2. Amend by striking out last sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "Each year said Trustee shall execute a bond, with two or more sureties, to the State of Arkansas for the use and benefit of the Diocese hereof; said bond shall be for such sum as the Council may require, and affirmed by the Standing Committee, which bond when so affirmed said Committee shall file with the Registrar of the Diocese, subject to the control of the Diocese." Adopted.

Title II, Canon II, section 1. Amend second line, "It shall be he duty of the Vestry," to read, "The Vestry shall." Adopted.

Title II, Canon III, section 1. The proposed amendment read as follows: Amend by striking out all after the word "prayer" in the second line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "and shall have one vote on all questions except where he is personally concerned." On the recommendation of the committee, and by the vote of the Council, this proposed amendment was rejected.

Title II, Canon IV, section 2. Amend last clause, "It shall contain a record of all collections made in the Church," to read, "A record of all collections made in the Church shall also be kept." Adopted.

Title II, Canon V, section 1. Amend "It shall be the duty of the Vestry," to read, "The Vestry shall." Adopted.

Title III, Canon IV, section 5. Amend second line by inserting after the word "Secretary" the words "and Treasurer" Also, amend last line of section 8, to read, "of openings for new work," instead of "of openings of new work." Adopted.

Title IV, Canon I, section 1. Amend by inserting in the third line before the words "communicants" the word "male," and in the ninth line inserting after the word "elect" the words "into a chapter not less than," and after the word "three," the words "nor more than eleven male." Adopted.

Title IV, Canon I, section 4. Amend fourth line. "To make and execute all contracts for the erection," etc., to read "and together with the Rector to make and execute all contracts for the erection," etc. Adopted.

Title IV, Canon I, section 8. Amend second line by striking out all after the word "Vestry," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "and to keep a record of all its proceedings." Also amend section 9, first line, by inserting after the word "receive" the words "from the Secretary," and in the second and third lines, instead of "to collect all moneys due the Vestry or congregation," read "giving his receipt therefor." Adopted.

Title IV, Canon II, Article 4. The proposed amendment to this article read as follows: "In this Parish all communicants of the Church who are duly registered in this Parish, and who have been regular contributors to the support of the Parish or congregation for not less than six months prior to such voting, shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting."

The committee did not recommend the adoption of the above and instead offered the following: Amend Article 4, Canon II, Title IV, so as to read: "In this Parish all communicants of this Church of lawful age who are duly registered shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting," which on motion, was adopted.

Title V, section 3. Amend tenth line, page 109, by insert-

ing after the word "notice," the words, "unless for good cause shown, the time be extended by written order of the Bishop." Adopted.

Title V, section 3. Change second paragraph so as to begin as follows: "When the taking of testimony is closed, the committee," etc. Adopted.

On motion, "The Order of Business" was made Canon XIV, and the words "of the Council" were added to the sixth order, and the words "of the Diocese" to the eighth and fourteenth orders.

The committee recommended the adoption of a new title to be added to the body of Canons, and to read as follows:

TITLE VI,

OF THE AMENDMENT OF CANONS.

No Canon, or part of Canon can be amended except in the following manner: Any proposed amendment shall, after being introduced at any Council, lie over until a succeeding Council for final action, and must then receive a two-thirds vote; *Provided*, That any regular Council shall have power to amend any Canon by unanimous consent.

Adopted.

On the recommendation of the committee, the Secretary was directed to number the sections of the Canons consecutively.

It was moved and seconded, that the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons be adopted as a whole. Carried.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by the Rev. D. B. Ramsay (see Appendix V), which, on motion, was received, and the committee discharged.

On motion, Messrs. J. C. Fitzhugh, Joseph Heslep and Day Mills were at their request excused from further attendance at the Council.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK,
Saturday, May 11, 1895.

The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment on Saturday at 9 a. m. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, assisted by the Dean of the Cathedral. Immediately after the service, the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. G. W. Flowers, the Council entered on the consideration of the Episcopate Fund.

Mr. Flowers then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council appoint one Priest of the Diocese, who acting under the direction of the Bishop shall, during the ensuing twelve months, visit each Parish and Mission Station of the Diocese and lay before them the great need of the endowment of the Episcopate, authorizing him to accept town lots, shares of stock and money as donations to this Fund and report at the next Council.

The Rev. Mr. Cabaniss moved that the resolution be amended by adding the words, "and one Layman" after the words "one Priest." A vote being taken on the amendment it was lost. The Council then voting on the resolution as offered, it was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 12, nays 6.

Mr. W. G. Whipple offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that on the second day of the next Annual Council the election of an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese be the special order of the day.

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Gass read the report of the Committee on Ways and Means (See Appendix VI), which, on motion, was adopted and the committee discharged.

Mr. W. G. Whipple read the report of the Special Committee on the death of Mr. George H. Van Etten as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF GEO. H. VAN ETTEN.

To the Diocesan Council:

Your committee appointed to prepare an expression of the sentiments of the Council regarding the death of our late Registrar Geo. H. Van Etten, respectfully report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Council is deeply sensible of the great loss experienced in the death of Geo. H. Van Etten, a loss which is felt by the whole Diocese; that the Church in Arkansas has never had a truer friend, he being one who could always be relied upon to do all in his power to aid in carrying its burdens, and advancing its true interests. Always solicitous for its prosperity, no appeal for substantial assistance was ever made to him in vain. Not only was he thus ever prompt to respond with his substance but he was equally ready, whenever needed, with his active services for the good of the Church. The value of his services in the erection of the magnificent edifice of Christ Church Parish in this city can never be over estimated, as he probably devoted more time to the supervision of the work of construction than any other person.

Generous, constant, faithful in furthering the interests of the Church, he was equally public spirited and large hearted in all matters affecting the public interests. And it is probable that his over-exertions in that behalf were among the efficient causes of his death.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished by the Secretary of the Council to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. WHIPPLE,
P. K. ROOTS,
S. S. FAULKNER,
Committee.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The committee appointed to report on the death of the Rev. Caleb A. Bruce made the following report: (See memorial page.)

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of this Council do hereby tender to the Dean, Chapter and members of the Cathedral Parish and to the Rector and members of Christ Church most grateful appreciation for the generous hospitality which has been extended to the Council.

Adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Cabaniss moved that the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay the Secretary of the Council the sum of fifty (50) dollars, in recognition of his services. Carried.

Mr. John Warner, at his request, was excused from further attendance at the Council.

On motion, a recess was taken until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 11, 3 P. M.

The Council re-assembled at 3 p. m., the Bishop presiding.

The Chancellor of the Diocese made a verbal report as to the steps necessary to be taken to have the Diocese of Arkansas incorporated under the laws of the State.

The Rev. Mr. Flowers moved that the Chancellor be appointed a committee of one to prepare the forms for the incorporation of the Diocese of Arkansas under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and to report at the next Council. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Lockwood offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council hereby directs the Treasurer of the Diocese, after paying costs of printing and distributing the Journal of Proceedings and paying assessment of the General Convention, to transfer to the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund whatever, if any, Diocesan funds are remaining in his hands, excepting and reserving only $50 for incidental expenses, and such additional amount as the President of the Standing Committee may estimate will be required for paying expenses of clerical members attending meetings of such committee

Adopted.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Potter and the Rev. J. W. Keeble at their request, were excused from further attendance at the Council.

Mr. W. G. Whipple moved that the Constitution and the Canons as amended be printed with the Journal, and that the Secretary be instructed to have five hundred copies printed. Carried.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Diocese was instructed to pay the sum of ten (10) dollars to the Sexton of Trinity Cathedral for services rendered.

Mr. P. K. Roots moved that when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the first Thursday in May, 1896, in Trinity Cathedral.

The Rev. Dr. James moved to substitute the word "Wednesday" for "Thursday." Lost.

The vote being taken on the original motion, it was carried.

It was moved and seconded that when this Council adjourns this evening, it adjourn to meet immediately after the service on Sunday evening. Carried.

The Rev. A. W. Pierce offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That section 2, Canon II, Title IV, be amended by the addition of the following words: "And whenever a Parish shall no longer be able to contribute said amount for said purpose, or no longer have enough male communicants to constitute a Vestry, the Bishop shall be authorized to remand said Parish to the condition of a Mission.

Adopted.

On motion Title IV, Canon II, Section 2, was amended by substituting the word "four" for "eight" in the fourth line.

The Council having taken up the consideration of the appointing of an agent to visit the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese in the interest of the Episcopate Fund, it was moved and seconded that the Rev. J. J. Vaulx be appointed as such agent. Carried. It was also moved and seconded that if Mr. Vaulx should be unable to do the work, the Bishop and the Standing Committee are hereby requested to appoint such agent. Carried.

Mr. W. G. Whipple offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the pre-eminent duty of electing an assistant Bishop will devolve on the next Council, the different Parishes of the Diocese be urgently solicited to send full delegation to said Council.

Adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet immediately after Evening Service on Sunday.

FIFTH DAY.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK,
Fourth Sunday after Easter, 1895 -

The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx and the Rev. W. J. Miller. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. S. James, D. D.

Immediately after the service, the Council was called to order, the Bishop presiding.

On motion, the thanks of the Council were returned to the managers of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and of the Little Rock & Memphis Railroad, for courtesies extended in granting reduced rates to the members of the Council.

On motion, a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars was required from the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund.

As there was no further business before the Council, the Bishop made a short address in which he reviewed the proceedings of the Council, expressing himself as well satisfied with its work and as greatly gratified at the peace and harmony which prevailed.

The Gloria in Excelsis was then sung, and the Bishop, at the request of the Council, bestowed his Episcopal benediction on the appointed agent of the Diocese, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, invoking God's aid and blessing on the work thus to be undertaken.

The benediction was then pronounced, when the Council, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY NILES PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

W. J. MILLER,
Secretary of the Council.

APPENDIX I.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL.

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Time is speeding his flight. We reach today the Twenty-third Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, and I have already passed the twenty-fifth anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate. The quarter of a century now joined to the by-gone eternity has been one of labor, disappointment and sorrow—of how much labor, disappointment and sorrow no one knows so well as I know. The whole story may be known when I have passed away. It will not be spread before the world as long as I live. Unless the good of the Church demands it, it will be buried in my grave. Matters are improving now. They have been improving for several years; but for a dreary time I fought this battle almost alone, with little aid and less sympathy.

Of the eight Clergymen who met in the Primary Convention, at which was organized the Diocese of Arkansas, five have passed over to the Church Expectant in the Paradise of God, and the three that remain are widely scattered through this land. Not one of them belongs to this Diocese. The last clerical tie that bound me to that past, now a quarter of a century distant, has been recently severed. On Maunday Thursday last The Rev. Caleb Alexander Bruce, the Senior Presbyter of this Diocese entered into rest. He died at about the hour when the Holy Eucharist was instituted, and on the anniversary of its institution. His mortal remains were laid in the grave on Easter-Even, at the hour, when, owing to my previous absence from home, I first received the sad tidings of his death.

Of all the days in the year none could be more fitting for the decease and burial of a Christian. For he, as it were, just pre-

ceded our Lord in his death and lay in the grave with Him, awaiting like Him a glorious resurrection.

The Rev. Caleb Alexander Bruce was no ordinary man. He was in the highest and truest sense of the word a gentleman, and such a gentleman as is not formed and developed in one or two generations. Tracing his ancestry by undoubted record for nearly a thousand years up the stream of time, he was a descendant of famous men. And in the more than twenty-five years that I have been intimately acquainted with him, I have never known him to even verge towards any act which would have raised a blush on the face of any of the five royal ancestors from whom he legitimately drew the blood coursing in his veins. No man ever had a keener sense of honor. His was no common intellect. Though his mind was not stored with what the world deems the highest learning, yet it was capable of highest thought. I do not by these words mean to imply that he was deficient in education. His acquirements were large, and whatever he knew, he knew well. His thoughts and his utterances had that distinctness, definiteness and lucidity which shows the well-trained mind. In nothing was this more evident than in his sound theological views. He was never showy and shallow, vague or shadowy, but he was above all a practical man and a man of energetic action.

To him this Diocese owes the erection of no less than four new Church edifices, three of which still stand as monuments to his memory, and the fourth has ceased to be only because the town where it was planted has gone to hopeless decay. It is now but a name, not even a village.

Firm in his opinions, and frank, even at times, perhaps too frank in his expression of them, he had, at heart, the largest charity for those who differed from him. Faithful as a pastor, energetic and strong as a preacher, tender and loving as a husband and father, his work was well done, and he has gone to his reward. I hope all his clerical brethren will add some contributions, however small, to the memorial window soon to be set up in the Church of the Good Shepherd, the beautiful

edifice designed by his taste and built through his energetic inspiration.

Another name disappears this year from the records of our Diocesan Council. It has stood there for years, and had not death erased, it would have stood there for years to come. Since the spring of 1888, we have read in our list of Diocesan officials, Mr. GEORGE H. VAN ETTEN, Registrar. So faithful and painstaking was he in the duties of his office that no one desired a change, nor could have desired. He has left the Church on earth to join the Church in Paradise. He was far away from this Diocese when the summons came. He was traveling with his faithful and devoted wife, in the hope of recuperating his failing health, when death overtook him.

We have sustained a severe loss, in the departure of our friend. And when I say "we," I may well include the State and capital thereof, as well as the Diocese of Arkansas. For if you search the records of the past, you will find few enterprises for the development and improvement of this community with which the name of George H. Van Etten was not more or less intimately associated. He was ever ready to lend his influence and his pecuniary aid to every movement for the advancement of our prosperity and the public good. He was an energetic business man, with a suave bearing and a kindly heart. Few men were more charitable than he. I do not believe that any plea for assistance, having a fair basis in real merit, was ever presented to him in vain. I know that the struggling Parish of St. Philip's in this city was often the recipient of his bounty. The Cathedral also profited by his liberality on more than one occasion, and his own Parish, Christ Church, owes a debt of gratitude at least to his memory. As we fill the office of Registrar, now vacant, let us remember with tender regret him who so long and so faithfully filled it.

The clerical changes in the Diocese since we last met in council are few. The Rev. Wallace Carnahan has been transferred to the Diocese or Missionary Jurisdiction of Western Texas. The Rev. Palin Saxby has been transferred

to the Diocese of Indiana, and is now Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cannelton. The vacancy in Christ's Church, Little Rock, has been filled by the Rev. John Gass, received on letters dimissory from the Diocese of South Carolina. The field left vacant by the Rev. Mr. Saxby's departure has been filled by the Rev. A. W. Pierce, received on letters dimissory from the Diocese of Texas. The Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, whom I announced to the last Council as Rector-elect of St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring, presented to me soon after our adjournment, letters dimissory from the Diocese of Missouri. The Diocese of Arkansas has good reasons for congratulating herself on these new accessions to her Clergy list. The name of the Rev. Herbert Edwards disappears from our Journal, as he has returned to his native England.

Regarding Church edifices, I have to announce that the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Forrest City, is now completed, except some of the larger windows. For its size it one of the most beautiful structures I have ever seen. I am glad to add here that the debt originally resting on it, $500 has been already reduced to $400, and in a few weeks it will be reduced to $300. Some six or seven miles south of Fort Smith, a country chapel is in process of erection. The chapel at Winslow has been much improved, but proper Chancel furniture is yet lacking. At Brinkley a building has been purchased, which will serve for some time to come as a chapel. It is a great step onward when we secure a place of worship as our own, be it ever so humble, Until that is done we can do no permanent work. But while we rejoice at the erection of new churches as new centers of church life, we must take care to preserve those already built, though from various causes, the church life in their vicinity has run very low.

About twenty years ago, I visited Dardanelle. It was the second visit ever made there by a Bishop of our communion. Years before, Bishop Otey, of Tennessee, had been there. I was told that Bishop Lay had never been in Dar-

lanelle. According to my recollection, there were no persons n the town that considered themselves communicants of the :hurch, though a few had received holy baptism at her hands, ınd a few others were inclined to walk in her ways. This irst visit was followed up by others. On one occasion only was accompanied by the Rev. W. C. Stout; all the other imes I was alone and worked unaided. On some occasions held two services daily for a week or more together. I reached, baptised, confirmed and celebrated the Holy Enharist. At last I obtained by gift a fine lot and by degrees a eautiful church was erected. I planted and fostered the arish. It was my own child and I felt a deep affection for it. t last Dr. MacDonald was settled there and remained several ears. For his own comfort, he built on one corner of the ts, or to speak more correctly, on one of the lots, which comrised the church property, a small rectory, at his own exense, and he was granted a lease of said lot for a term of ears. To Dr. MacDonald succeeded the Rev. R. S. James,). D., and as Dr. MacDonald claimed a right to rent the recory for some years to come, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry sked my canonical consent to borrow $300 from the Church uilding Fund and to secure said loan by giving a mortgage n the said lot and building. My consent was given. Not ne cent of the $300 has ever been paid, nor has a cent of the ccruing interest been paid. After a year or so, Dr. James noved elsewhere, the church families moved away one after another, and if there is now a single church family left in Dardanelle, I have no knowledge of it. The amount now due, principal and interest, is more than $400. The Church Building Commissioners have given notice that they will foreclose the mortgage. I have asked them to defer action till I could lay the matter before this Council. I hope some steps will be taken to aid me in saving this piece of church property. If you ask me why attempt to save it, if the church in Dardanelle is dead? I answer, it may have a resurrection. When I went there twenty years ago I found nothing; now there is

a church and a small parsonage. Could we place a Missionary in that parsonage, we might revive the church there and plant it in Russellville, Clarksville and many other points between Russellville and Van Buren. I will assist you in accomplishing this great work, but I cannot do it by myself. A small contribution from each Parish for a few years to come, will pay the interest on this debt, and gradually extinguish the principal. If life were not doubly uncertain to one of my age, I would scarcely ask your aid and become personally responsible for this debt, but now I dare not do that.

The Parishes in the Diocese are in a healthy condition generally. Trinity Church, Van Buren, was consecrated on the 1st day of May last, and has paid off the indebtedness on the old rectory, and is now preparing to build a new one more convenient to the church. Means for this are obtained by placing a lien on the old and the new rectory lots. Never was the Parish as flourishing as it is now.

St. John's Church, Fort Smith, and St. John's, Helena, are approaching the time when work will be begun on their much needed new and larger churches. St. Luke's, Hot Springs and Christ Church, Little Rock, are ridding themselves of their debts, and in a few years, there is reason to believe, all the church property in the Diocese of Arkansas will be free of all financial incumbrances.

The confirmations during the past year sum up 184, two less than last year. This small deficiency may be more than accounted for by the fact that I have, at the request of the Clergy in charge, deferred till a later date my visits to Hope, Washington, Nashville and Brinkley.

Now, one word in regard to our Missionary organization. It has worked well, but with the hearty co-operation of every Parish in Arkansas it could have done even more. No system originating in man is perfect. If our present system is imperfect, let us improve it. It is better to supply deficiencies, and to prune away redundancies, than it is to attempt to work out a new plan, which we may find at last less efficient than the one

discarded. But whatever is agreed upon, let us be a unit in its adoption, and when it is adopted let every one do his utmost to carry it into efficient operation. Our two years' experience shows that we can do much. Let us now resolve to plant the Church in every permanent town in the State of Arkansas We cannot do this at once, but it can be done by earnest and persistent efforts.

Brethren, my heart goes out to you on this twenty-fifth year completed of my consecration to the Episcopate, and I bless you in God's name for your many kindnesses to me during the past quarter of a century. And I thank God that I can feel this day more than I have ever before felt, that we are a united Diocese. My earnest prayer is that we may ever continue to be one in heart and one in endeavor. We love the Church of God. We desire her prosperity. But next to the grace and blessing of God, the union and hearty co-operation of all her members are most essential to her welfare and progress. We are one in Christ Jesus; let us always remember this and act in accordance with this fundamental truth, this most indubitable fact.

I have devoted the collections made during the past year at my visitations to the building of new churches in Arkansas and to aiding newly built churches to liquidate the debts now encumbering them. A statement of the moneys thus received and of the expenditure of the same will be found farther on.

To these hastily prepared remarks I add for your information a condensed account of my work for the past conciliar year.

ABSTRACT OF THE BISHOP'S JOURNAL.

My last report ended with the date April 24, 1894.

April 25, Wednesday: St. Mark's Day, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Ark., I said the Communion Office, Rev. J. J. Vaulx reading the Epistle, and Rev. C. A. Bruce reading the Gospel. The Rev. Dr. Potter preached, and I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* After closing the service, the Twenty-second Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas

was called to order and duly organized. At 3 p. m., I read my Annual *Address*.

April 26, Thursday: I attended Morning Prayer at 9 a. m., and presided in the Council till 12 noon; also from 2 till 5 p. m. From 5 till 7 p. m., I attended a very pleasant reception given to the Council. At 8 p. m., I presided at a meeting for considering the working of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and after very interesting speeches by Clergy and Lay men, I closed with a short *address*.

April 27, Friday: Attended Morning Prayer at 9 a. m., presided in Council from 9:30 till 12, and from 2 till 5 p. m., and again from 8 till 9:30 p. m. From 9:30 till 10:15 p. m. presided at a meeting of the Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions.

April 28, Saturday: Presided in the Council a. m. and p. m.

April 29, Sunday: The fifth after Easter, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, after Morning Prayer, said by Rev. Dr. James and Rev. Dean Davis, I said the Communion Office; Rev. Mr. Miller reading the Epistle, and Rev. Mr. Vaulx the Gospel. I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 4 p. m., after Evening Prayer, I attended a Missionary meeting. At 8 p. m., I *confirmed* one person (1 male). The candidate was presented by Rev. Dr. James, and is credited to St. James' Church, Eureka Springs After the service, the Council was called to order and adjourned *sine die*.

April 30, Monday: Went to Van Buren.

May 1, Tuesday: St. Philip's and St. James' Day, at 11 a. m., I *consecrated* to the service of Almighty God, Trinity Church, Van Buren, Arkansas. Mr. S. A. Pernot read the Instrument of Donation. The Rev. G. W. Flowers, the Sentence of Consecration. Rev. W. J. Miller began Morning Prayer. Rev. C. E. Cabaniss read the First Lesson. Rev. W. T. Allen read the Second Lesson. Rev. C. H. Lockwood said the Creed and the Prayers. I said the Communion Office, Rev. J. J. Vaulx being the Epistoler and Rev. G. W. Flowers, Gospeler. I *preached* and *confirmed* three persons (1 male, 3 fe-

males) and *addressed* the class, after which, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Flowers, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* The offertory, $2.25, was sent to the new church building at Forrest City.

May 3, Thursday: Ascension Day, at 10 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx.

May 6, Sunday: After Ascension, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, the Rev. Mr. Vaulx said Litany and ante-Communion. I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. At 8 p. m. I *preached* again.

May 7, Monday: At Winslow I *confirmed* in private a sick man and his wife and *administered the Holy Communion* to them. The Rev. J. J. Vaulx presented the candidates. At 8 p. m., in the St. Stephen's Chapel. Rev. Mr. Vaulx baptized three adults and two children, and I *preached* and *confirmed* eight persons (— male, — female) and *addressed* the class. Mr. Vaulx also made an address.

May 8, Tuesday: At 9:30 a. m., in the Church at Winslow, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, I said the Communion Office, *confirmed* one person (1 male), and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* This makes the whole number confirmed at Winslow on this visitation, eleven. The growth of this Mission, under the faithful culture of the Rev. Mr. Vaulx, is very encouraging and indeed surprising.

May 13, Sunday: Whitsunday, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Davis. At 4:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

May 14, Monday: In Whitsun-week, at 10 a. m., I attended the Eucharistic Celebration in the Cathedral, and received.

May 15, Tuesday: In Whitsun-week, at 10 a. m., attended the Celebration, and received.

May 20, Sunday: Trinity Sunday, at 11 a. m., in the Ca-

thedral, Little Rock, assisted by the Dean, I *celebrated* the Holy Eucharist.

May 22, Tuesday: Attended a Cathedral Chapter Meeting at 8 p. m.

May 23, Wednesday: I sent *canonical notice* of my acceptance of the *Letters Dimissory* presented by the Rev. Edward John Peake Bell Williams, Priest, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Missouri.

May 27, Sunday: The first after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Philip's, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *preached*, and *celebrated* the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels, Deacon. At 4:30, in the Cathedral, I said Evening Prayer.

June 3, Sunday: The second after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, I *preached*. The Dean said the service and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. I received.

June 7, Thursday: Attended Litany Services in Calvary Church, Memphis, Tenn.

June 10, Sunday: The third after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I assisted in saying Morning Prayer. At 8 p. m, I *preached*.

June 13, Wednesday: At 10:30 a. m., attended the Commencement Exercises of the Columbia Institute, and conferred the diplomas. Evening, I presided at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of said institute.

June 17, Sunday: The fourth after Trinity. At 11 a. m, in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I assisted in saying the Morning Service and *preached*. At 8 p. m, I *preached* again.

June 20, Wednesday: At 8:15 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., I *confirmed* one person (1 femael). Also *I joined in Holy Matrimony* The Rev. Daniel S. C. M. Potter, D. D., and Miss Julia Augusta Adams.

June 24, Sunday: The fifth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached*.

July 1, Sunday: The sixth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the

Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 8, Sunday: The seventh after Trinity. A very rainy day .At 11 a. m., I was at St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, to officiate, but the drenching rain prevented the assembling of a congregation. At the Cathedral, no congregation present at the time of Evening Service.

July 15, Sunday: The eighth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and received the Holy Communion.

July 22, Sunday: The ninth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the Morning Service. At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 25, Wednesday: St. James' Apostles Day, at 10 a. m., I attended the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in the Cathedral, and received.

July 29, Sunday: The tenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, I *preached.* At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer. The Rev. C. A. Bruce, to whose energy the Church in Arkansas is chiefly indebted for this beautiful church, opened for the first services this day, celebrated the Holy Eucharist at an early hour, and the Very Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Dean of the Eastern or Helena Convocation, assisted the Rector in the Morning Service, and preached at the Evening Service.

August 5, Sunday: The eleventh after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

August 6, Monday: The Transfiguration, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I attended the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and received. I, this day, *gave my canonical* consent to the mortgage of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, in the sum of $500, in order to finish the building, and, at the request of the parties giving the same, I signed the mortgage.

August 12, Sunday: The twelfth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., after Litany said by Deacon I. P. Daniels, I said the Communion Office, Mr. Daniels reading the Epistle, *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 19, Sunday: The thirteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, I *confirmed* five persons, (1 male, 4 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, Rev. C. E. Cabaniss.

August 26, Sunday: The fourteenth after Trinity. Owing to the very dangerous illness of my wife, I remained at home all day. But at 8 p. m., I went to Christ Church, Little Rock, and *confirmed* seven persons (7 females), one of whom is credited to Trinity Church, Van Buren.

August 31, Friday: I this day gave *Letters Dimissory* to the Rev. Wallace Carnahan, transferring him to the Missionary Jurisdiction of Western Texas.

September 1, Saturday: Visited a sick woman and *administered the Holy Communion* to her.

September 2, Sunday: The fifteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist;* visited sick woman. At 5:30 p. m., said Evening Prayer.

September 5, Wednesday: At 10:15 a. m., I officiated in the Cathedral and at the grave, at a funeral.

September 9, Sunday: The sixteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service, and at 5:30 in saying Evening Prayer.

September 16, Sunday: The seventeenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., I attended service in the Cathedral, Little Rock, and received the Holy Communion.

September 21, Friday: St. Mathew's Day, at 11 a. m., I attended the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in the Cathedral and received.

September 23, Sunday: The eighteenth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Prayer,

n reading the Lessons. At 5:30 p. m., I attended Even-
er.
mber 29, Saturday: St. Michael and All Angels, at
I attended the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in
edral, and received.
mber 30, Sunday: The nineteenth after Trinity, in
edral, Little Rock, I *preached* at Morning Service. At
m., I assisted in saying the Evening Service in St.
Church, Hope, and the Rev. Palin Saxby preached
ell sermon.
er 7, Sunday: The twentieth after Trinity. In the
al, Little Rock, at 11 o'clock, I *celebrated the Holy Eu-*
assisted by the Very Reverend the Dean. I assisted
g Evening Prayer.
er 9, Tuesday: I attended Morning Prayer in the
al.
er 10, Wednesday: I attended Morning Prayer.
er 11, Thursday: As yesterday.
er 12, Friday: Same.
er 13, Saturday: Same.
er 14, Sunday: The twenty-first after Trinity, I as-
saying Morning and Evening Services in the Cathedral.
er 21, Sunday: The twenty-second after Trinity, in
edral, Little Rock, I *preached* at Morning Service and
the Holy Communion. I assisted in saying Evening

er 28, Sunday: The twenty-third after Trinity. I
in saying Morning and Evening Services in the Cathe-
tle Rock.
nber 1, Thursday: All Saint's Day, at 11 a. m., I
l the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Cathe-
l received. *I this day accepted the Letters Dimissory*
: Diocese of South Carolina, presented by Rev. John
d gave canonical notice of my acceptance.
nber 4, Sunday: The twenty-fourth after Trinity, I
' at Morning Service and assisted in saying Evening

Prayer in the Cathedral. Dean Davis celebrated the Holy Eucharist and I received.

November 11, Sunday: The twenty-fifth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached and celebrated Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels. At 4.30 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I assisted in saying Evening Prayer and *lectured*.

November 13, Tuesday: I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions held at Little Rock.

November 18, Sunday: The twenty-sixth after Trinity, in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and received the Holy Communion at Morning Service, and assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

November 25, Sunday: Next before Advent, at 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *preached*, *confirmed* thirteen persons (6 males and 7 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* again.

November 26, Monday: I *confirmed* one person in private, (1 female).

November 28, Wednesday: I gave my canonical consent to St. Luke's Parish, Hot Springs, to mortgage the church property, to the amount of $3000. This was but allowing change of the mortgage. The original debt has been much reduced.

November 29, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day, in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and received the Holy Communion.

November 30, Friday. St. Andrew's Day, at 11 a. m., I received the Holy Communion at the Cathedral.

December 2, Sunday: The first in Advent, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Dean.

December 8, Saturday: I *gave Letters Dimissory* to the Rev. Palin Saxby, transferring him to the Diocese of Indiana.

December 9, Sunday: The second in Advent, in St.

Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* at 11 a. m., assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels. At 4 p. m., at Evening Prayer, I *lectured* in the Cathedral.

December 16, Sunday: The third in Advent, at 11 a. m., in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I *preached, confirmed* nineteen persons (6 males, 13 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

December 21, Friday: St. Thomas' Day, at 11 a. m., I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

December 23, Sunday: The fourth in Advent, I *preached* at 11 a. m., and assisted in saying Evening Prayer at 4 p. m., in the Cathedral.

December 25, Sunday: Christmas Day, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Davis. At 3 p. m., in St. Philip's, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels.

December 30, Sunday: The first after Christmas, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service and *preached.* At 3 p. m., I officiated at a *funeral*, at Little Rock.

January 1, 1895, Tuesday: The Circumcision, at 11 a. m., I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

January 6, Sunday: The Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m., I said Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

January 8, Tuesday: *I this day licensed* Mr. Julius Huntley to act as *Lay Reader*, under the direction of Rev. John Gass, Rector of Christ Church, Little Rock.

January 13, Sunday: The first after Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4 p. m., in the Cathedral, I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

January 20, Sunday: The second after Epiphany, at 11

a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

January 25, Friday: St. Paul's Day, the 25th anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, the Rev. A. W. Pierce being the Epistolar, and the Very Rev. John Davis, the Gospeler. I *consecrated* a brass altar desk, the gift of St. Stephen's Boys' Guild, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Dean.

January 27, Sunday: The third after Epiphany, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached.* At 4:30 p. m., assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

February 2, Saturday: The Purification. A bad cold and cough prevented my attendance at church.

February 3, Sunday: The fourth after Epiphany. A bad sore throat and cough kept me housed all day.

February 5, Tuesday: At 10:30 a. m., I presided at a meeting of the Board of Diocesan Missions, held in my study.

February 6, Wednesday: I this day gave my canonical consent to the restoration to the functions of the priesthood of a deposed Priest in the Diocese of Louisiana.

February 10, Sunday: Septuagesima, at 8:45 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* at 11 a. m. I said Morning Prayer and *preached.* At 4:30 p. m., I said Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

February 17, Sunday: Sexagesima, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Communion Office, Dean Davis reading the Epistle. I read *the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops in Council* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

February 24, Sunday: Quinquagesima, at 11 a. m., in St. James' Church, Eureka Springs, the Rev. Dr. James, Rector, said the ante-Communion. I *preached* and *confirmed* six persons (2 males, 4 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* This makes the whole number confirmed for

his Parish since the last Diocesan Council seven. At 4 p. m., I *preached* again.

February 27, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, at 10 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, after Morning Prayer and Litany said by the Rector, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, I said the Communion Office, the Rector reading the Epistle. I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* aided by the Rector. At 4 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

February 28, Thursday: I attended Evening Prayer in the same church.

March 1, Friday: At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* in the same church.

March 2, Saturday: At 4 p. m., I attended Evening Prayer.

March 3, Sunday: The first in Lent, in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, at 11 a. m., I *preached*, *confirmed* seven persons (3 males, 4 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 4 p. m., I *preached* and at 7:30 I *preached* again.

March 9, Saturday: I this day gave my canonical consent to Trinity Parish, Van Buren, to place a mortgage in the sum of $1000 on their rectory lots for the purpose of building a new rectory near the Church.

March 10, Sunday: The second in Lent. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Church, Van Buren, I *preached*, *confirmed* six persons (5 female), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, The Rev. G. W. Flowers. This makes the number confirmed for this year 10. At 3:30 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *preached*, *confirmed* three persons (3 females) and *addressed* the class.

March 11, Monday: At 7:30 p. m., in St. Stephen's Chapel, Winslow, I *preached* and *confirmed* one person (1 female). This makes the number confirmed at Winslow, since our last Annual Council 12.

March 13, Weenesday: At 4 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *preached*, *confirmed* two persons (2 females) and *addressed* the class. This makes the number confirmed this Conciliar year 19.

March 17, Sunday: The third in Lent, at 11 a. m, in St. John's Church, Camden, I *preached*, *confirmed* three persons (1 male, 2 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, Rev. D. B. Ramsay. At 7:30 p. m., I *preached* again.

March 21, Thursday: I gave my canonical consent to the restoration of a deposed Deacon in the Diocese of Tennessee to the functions of his office.

March 22, Friday: I *licensed as a Lay Reader* Mr. Day Mills, of Pine Bluff.

March 24, Sunday: The fourth in Lent, in St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* at Morning Service and *preached* at Evening Service.

March 30, Saturday: At 3 p. m., I met the ladies of the two Parish guilds in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, and made an address.

March 31, Sunday: The fifth in Lent, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Cabaniss, Rector. At 8 p. m., I *preached*, *confirmed* six persons (4 males, 2 females), and *addressed* the class. This makes the whole number confirmed in this Parish during this conciliar year, 11.

April 6, Saturday: At 3 p. m., in Helena, I visited my dear friend, the Rev. C. A. Bruce, now lying very dangerously ill. At 5 p. m., I attended Evening Prayer, in St. John's Church.

April 7, Sunday: The next before Easter, at 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Helena, Ark., assisted by the Rector, I said the Communion Office, *preached*, *confirmed* thirteen persons (5 males, 8 females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 4 p. m., I *confirmed*, in private, two persons (1 male, 1 female). At the Rector's request, I *baptized* an infant on this occasion. At 7:45 p. m., I *preached* again in St. John's Church.

April 8, Monday: In Holy Week. I visited again the Rev. C. A. Bruce this morning. No improvement in his case.

At 8 p. m., in the Church of The Good Shepherd, at Forrest City, I said Evening Prayer and *preached.*

April 11, Thursday: Maundy Thursday, at 11 a. m., in St. Agnes' Church, Morrilton, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Potter, I said the Communion Office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 3:30 p. m., I *preached, confirmed* seven persons (7 females), and *addressed* the class. At this service, at the Rector's request, I baptized one of the candidates.

April 12, Friday: Good Friday. In the same Church, at 11 a. m., I assisted in saying Morning Service, and *preached.* At 8 p. m., I *preached* again.

April 14, Sunday: Easter Day, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Davis, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 2 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, assisted by Rev. I. P. Daniels, I said the Communion Office, *preached, confirmed* six persons (6 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 4:30 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *preached, confirmed* seven persons (5 males, 2 females), and *addressed* the class. At 8 p. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I *preached, confirmed* thirty-five persons (14 males, 21 females), and *addressed* the class.

April 21, Sunday: The first after Easter, at 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service. At 4:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

April 26, Friday: I gave my canonical consent to a change of the mortgage upon the rectory of St. John's Parish, Helena. This was merely a change of the lien, involving no increase of indebtedness.

April 28, Sunday: The second after Easter, at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Batesville, I *preached, confirmed* one person (1 male), and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 7:45 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, Newport, I *preached, confirmed* three persons, (1 male, 2 females), and *sddressed* the class.

May 1, Wednesday: SS. Philip's and James' Day. At 8 p. m., in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, I *preached, confirmed*

three persons (3 males), and *addressed* the class. The candidates were presented by the Very Rev. Dean Lockwood.

May 2, Thursday: At 8 p. m., in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, Dean Lockwood baptized an adult, and I *preached*, *confirmed* two persons, and *addressed* the class.

May 5, Sunday: The third after Easter, at 11 a. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I *confirmed* two persons (1 male, 1 female), *addressed* the class and received the Holy Communion. At 4:30 p. m., I attended Evening Prayer in Trinity Cathedral.

To this brief abstract of my Journal, and a brief one it is, though it seems so long, I add the following:

SUMMARY.

Sermons	65
Addresses	30
Celebrations	40
Confirmations (including 8 confirmed by the Bishop of Missouri, at my request)	84
Baptisms (infant, 1; adult, 1)	2
Marriages	1
Funerals	2
Churches consecrated	1
Letters Dimissory given	3
Letters Dimissory accepted	
Miles traveled	48

The marriages, funerals and baptisms are registered in the Parishes where the services were performed, and will be included in the parochial reports.

Protracted sickness in my family, for many months, confined me much to my home, and rendered my services fewer than usual.

CONFIRMED.

Christ Church, Little Rock	43
St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs	19
St. John's Church, Fort Smith	19

's Church, Helena	15
ıen's Chapel, Winslow	12
Church, Pine Bluff	11
Church, Van Buren	10
Cathedral, Little Rock	8
ew's Church, Mammoth Spring	8
s Church, Fayetteville	7
s' Church, Eureka Springs	7
:s' Church, Morrilton	7
ɔ's Church, Little Rock	6
's Church, Camden	3
ew's Church, Marianna	3
s Church, Newport	3
ɔf the Good Shepherd, Forrest City	2
ɛ Church, Batesville	1
	184

RKANSAS CHURCH BUILDING FUND COLLECTED.

's, Fort Smith	$ 18 90
's, Hot Springs	15 60
s', Eureka Springs	4 00
s, Fayetteville	6 30
Van Buren	4 70
's, Camden	4 65
ew's, Mammoth Spring	3 91
Pine Bluff	5 60
's, Helena	16 80
ɔ's, Little Rock	3 35
Cathedral, Little Rock	6 00
hurch, Little Rock	30 40
s, Batesville	9 50
s, Newport	5 35
ıepherd, Forrest City	2 80
ıl	$137 86

DISBURSED.

Trinity, Van Buren, rectory	$ 4 [illegible]
Mission at Brinkley for chapel	25 [illegible]
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	12 [illegible]
Total	$ 41 [illegible]
Balance on hand	$ 96 1 [illegible]

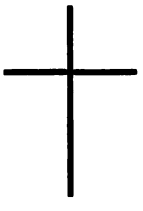
Of this sum, $60 is already pledged and to be soon paid.

Brethren, I know that this address is very imperfect. I did not begin my visitations till late in the season, because it was impossible for me to absent myself from my family at an earlier date. I have not had the time to write many things which I wished to say to you, nor the time to write well concerning anything. My annual address has been very hurriedly prepared. I beg you to pardon its deficiency and its defects.

I shall close by advising you to choose able men to represent you in the coming General Convention, and to select such as can and will attend it. It will be a very important convention, one of the most important that has ever occurred in the history of the American Church. Do not waste your time in casting complimentary votes for your personal friends. Choose wisely, for there is much at stake. How much I scarcely know myself, as yet, for more pressing duties have compelled me to postpone a full examination of the issues soon to be made. I hope to be able to make very soon a proper scrutiny of the subjects to be discussed in the ensuing year. I doubt not that God will order all things for the best for the Church which our adorable Lord has purchased with His blood. May the eternal and essential Love, the eternal and essential Wisdom and the eternal and essential Power of the ever blessed Trinity be with you in all your ways. With this prayer I leave you to your deliberations.

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

In Memoriam.



THE REV. CALEB ALEXANDER BRUCE, PRIEST.

BORN AT DUANESBURGH, NEW YORK, MARCH 2, 1818.
ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE AND PRIESTHOOD DURING THE YEAR 1853.

ENTERED INTO REST AT HELENA, ARKANSAS, THE EVENING OF MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1895.

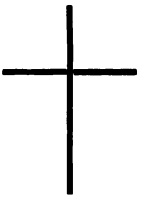
The Committee appointed to report on that portion of the Bishop's Address announcing to the Council the death of the REV. CALEB ALEXANDER BRUCE, Priest and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, and of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, beg leave to submit the following:

It is with very great sorrow that the Council has learned of the death of the REV. CALEB ALEXANDER BRUCE, Senior Priest, and one who has, in almost every official capacity served the Diocese of Arkansas, and has been identified with the work of the Church of the State for over a quarter of a century. He was a true missionary in every sense of the word, and believed that the commission he had received bade him go into the waste places and there preach the Gospel, and build up the Kingdom of his Master; true to such a conviction he went forth to his work, and as a result of his labors, there stands in the Diocese today four beautiful church buildings bearing witness to the truth taught by the great Apostle, "he being dead, yet speaketh."

RESOLVED, That in the death of our beloved brother, we as members of the Council, have lost a warm friend and earnest worker from the ranks of the Clergy in the Diocese, and one whose place in the Council will be hard to fill. But our loss is his gain, for he has gone on before to the rest "that remaineth to the people of God." May God grant to him eternal rest, and may "light perpetual shine upon him."

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
J. J. VAULX,
D. B. RAMSAY,
COMMITTEE.

In Memoriam.



GEORGE HENRY VAN ETTEN,

REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE.

BORN in Van Ettenville, New York, October 30, 1840.

MARRIED in Port Dover, Canada, March 21, 1867, to Augusta E. aters.

CONFIRMED in Bay City, Michigan, by Bishop McCloskry, of the ocese of Michigan, in 1868.

ELECTED REGISTRAR of the Diocese of Arkansas by the Sixteenth nual Council in 1888, which office he held at the time of his death.

DIED at Asbury Park, New Jersey, September 9, 1894.

WAS BURIED in family lot in Rural Cemetery, Albany, New York, ptember 12, 1894.

"Lord, all pitying, Jesus blest,
Grant him Thine eternal rest."

APPENDIX II.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Twenty-third Annual Council:

April 26, 1894. Standing Committee, as elected by the Twenty-second Annual Council, met and organized by electing the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, President, and the Rev. W. J. Miller, Secretary.

July 5th. Under a resolution adopted by the Council, the Standing Committee met to devise plans for raising funds for the Permanent Episcopate Endowment Fund.

August 7th. Consent given to the Diocese of Iowa to elect an Assistant Bishop. The Rev. C. H. Lockwood and Mr. John J. Hornor were appointed a sub-committee on Permanent Episcopate Endowment Fund.

January 25, 1895. The sub-committee appointed from Standing Committee to devise plans for raising Permanent Episcopate Endowment Fund, reported that owing to illness of one of its members it had been unable to accomplish anything and recommended that the Standing Committee send out a letter to each Parish in the Diocese, urging the importance and merit of the Fund, and that the whole matter be further discussed at the meeeting of the next Council.

Report of the sub-committee received and the letter sent to every Parish in the Diocese was as follows:

THE DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS,
February 12, 1895.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Arkansas:

DEAR BRETHREN—The Bishop, in his last Annual Address, speaking of the Episcopate Fund, said:

"Were the financial condition of the country more propitious, I would urge you to take steps at once to increase the Fund, till the income from it becomes sufficient to support an Assistant Bishop, if I am wholly or in a large degree unable to perform the duties of my office; or a successor as Diocesan, in case I am called away. One of the other of these contingencies must arise soon, and you must be prepared

to meet what is not far before you. To me, personally, this proposed provision for the Episcopate matters nothing; hence, I can speak the more freely concerning it. Be wise; do not throw suddenly upon this weak yet growing Diocese the burden of a heavy assessment."

This portion of the Bishop's Address having been referred for the action of the Council, the Standing Committee of the Diocese was appointed to act with the Trustee as a commission on the increase of the Episcopate Fund.

The committee met two or three times to consider the feasibility of procuring subscriptions to the Fund, with special reference to the support of an Assistant Bishop; also consulting with the Bishop on the subject. Nothing definite was decided on, but on August 7, 1894, the Bishop of the Diocese made the following communication to the Committee:

"DEAR BRETHREN—The question having been raised as to my desire of having elected, as soon as practicable, an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas, I request you to assure the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese, that I very much desire such action to be taken, and shall rejoice greatly if it can be taken within the ensuing twelve months. Sincerely yours,

"H. N. PIERCE,
"*Bishop of Arkansas.*"

On receipt of this letter the Standing Committee appointed a sub-committee from its own members to act with the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, whose duty it should be to canvass the Diocese and receive subscriptions. Owing to the illness of one of its members and the general depression in business, this committee was unable to undertake the work assigned it.

Being informed of this the committee at a meeting held January 25th, decided to address a circular letter to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, setting before them the importance of the subject the Bishop has so urgently presented. We believe our people do not realize how necessary the endowment of the Episcopate is to the future well-being of the Diocese. The committee would, therefore, urge upon the Clergy and their congregations that they take up this subject, talk it over, discuss it at Vestry meetings, guild meetings and in the home, till public interest is awakened and public opinion on the subject is created.

The Bishop has already pointed out how soon additional Episcopal supervision may be needed. Indeed it is needed now. In this weak, yet growing Diocese, abundant opportunity for growth and increase is constantly presented, demanding constant Episcopal supervision, and our aged and beloved Bishop already realizes that the time has come when at least a portion of this work should be handed over to a younger man. But this much needed additional Episcopal supervision cannot be had unless the people in all our Parishes and Missions contribute to the support of an Assistant Bishop. The whole Diocese must assume this responsibility. The time has come for action; we must now determine what we shall do.

We therefore commend this subject to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese and ask for its prayerful and earnest consideration. We would be glad to hear from each Clergyman and each Vestry in the Diocese on the subject. Any suggestion or any plan they may deem practicable will be gladly received, and will enable the

mmittee to make a report bearing on this whole subject at the next Council. Such plies may be sent to the Secretary.

As this subject will be the leading topic at the coming Diocesan Council, your mmittee especially desires that every Parish and Mission Station will send their elegates instructed to act and to pledge the support of the Parish or Mission in a finite sum.

What is above outlined seems to the committee the only way to create public ntiment and to awaken public interest. To this end we respectfully request that is letter be read to the congregations of the Diocese at the next Sunday service after receipt.

Signed: CHARLES H. LOCKWOOD, *President.*
WM. JAMES MILLER, *Secretary.*
JOHN DAVIS,
JOHN J. HORNOR,
P. K. ROOTS,
Standing Committee.
S. S. FAULKNER,
Trustee of the Episcopate Fund.

TTEST:
WM. JAMES MILLER, *Secretary,*
Hot Springs, Ark.

The Rev. John Davis, Rev. W. J. Miller and Mr. P. K. Roots were appointed a committee to take such steps as may be necessary for the proper and due celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our beloved Bishop's Consecration to the Episcopate.

Consent was given to St. Luke's Parish, Hot Springs, to mortgage its property in the sum of three thousand dollars to the American Church Building Fund Commission.

May 7th, consent given to the Vestry of St. John's Church, Helena, to transfer mortgages on Rectory from building and loan association to S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Episcopate Fund.

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
President Standing Committee.

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Fund.

To balance on hand last report $458 82

RECEIPTS.

From St. James' Church, Eureka Springs, part	$ 2 00
From Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City	5 00
From St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring	7 00
From St. Andrew's Church, Marianna	7 00
From St. Agnes' Church, Morrilton	7 00
From Grace Church, Washington	7 00
From St Mark's Church, Hope	10 00
From Church of the Redeemer, Nashville	10 00
From St. John's Church, Camden	10 00
From St. Paul's Church, Newport, $2 and $10	12 00
From St. Paul's Church, Batesville	14 00
From Trinity Church, Van Buren	15 00
From St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs	31 5[illegible]
From Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	31 5[illegible]
From St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville	31 [illegible]
From Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	52 [illegible]
From St. John's Church, Fort Smith	52 [illegible]
From St. John's Church, Helena	52 [illegible]
Total receipts	$816 [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. W. J. Miller, voted by Council	$ 50 00
To Sexton of last Council, voted by Council,	10 00
To Brown Printing Co., printing Journals	155 10
To S. S. Faulkner, Trustee Episcopate Fund,	100 00
To Rev. W. J. Miller, mailing Journals	21 13

To Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses to Standing Committee, August 7th	$ 4 25	
To Rev. W. J. Miller, expenses to Standing Committee, August 7th	3 60	
To Rev. W. J. Miller, expenses to Standing Committee, January 15th	6 50	
To Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses to Standing Committee, January 15th	8 50	
To Additional Assessment, General Convention	8 00	
To Harris Bros, printing Circulars for Committee	4 25	
To Rev. W. J. Miller, envelopes and postage	2 45	$373 78
Balance on hand		$443 04

This is surely a remarkable financial statement. For the first time every assessed Parish (except one, Christ Church, Little Rock), has made payment on the Diocesan assessments, and some of them have paid more than the amount assessed.

Respectfully submitted,

May 10, 1895. P. K. ROOTS, *Treasurer.*

Fund for Disabled Clergy, Etc.

Balance on hand last report $ 43 48

RECEIPTS.

From St. Philip's Church, Little Rock	$ 25
From Grace Church, Washington	1 75
From St. Mark's Church, Hope	2 80
From St. John's Church, Fort Smith	7 50
From Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	10 65
From St. Paul's Church, Batesville	12 00
From St. John's Church, Helena	12 15
From St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs	16 50
From Christ Church, Little Rock	24 72
From Building Association stock, matured	500 00
Total	$631 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Twelve months' Building Association dues at $5	$ 60 00	
For stock of Building Association, paid up	500 00	
For stock of Building Association, installment	31 75	$591 75
Balance on hand		$ 40 05

While every Parish in the Diocese (except one) has responded to the call for the Diocesan assessment, only half of the Parishes have this year contributed to the "Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy," etc.

Will it be too much to ask the others of the Clergy to remember and send in from their Parishes contributions to this most important fund?

The fund has been growing a little month by month, until we now have an investment of over five hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS, *Treasurer.*

May 10, 1895.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1895.

To the Diocesan Council:

BRETHREN—I have the pleasure to herewith submit my third annual report of the condition of the Permanent Episcopate Fund; showing receipts, expenditures, and *actual value of fund at this time:*

RECEIPTS.

May 1, 1894.			
To balance on hand			$ 724 77
Pine Bluff Property:			
May 1, 1895.			
To amount received for rents, from former report to this date			341 00
Assets realized on since last report and included in same:			
Note of A. B. Grace	$1,100 00		
Note of L. E. Cheek	1,000 00		
Series No. 7, Little Rock B. & L., matured	2,000 00—		4,100 00
From P. K. Roots, Treasurer			100 00
Interest Account:			
L. E. Cheek	112 50		
A. B. Grace	187 85		
Short loans	23 00—		323 35
Donations:			
P. K. Roots	5 00		
Grace, Washington	50		
St. Paul's, Newport	10 00		
Grace, Washington	5 25		

Church of Good Shepherd, Forrest City	$ 5 00	
St. John's, Helena	44 00	
St. Mark's, Hope	42 25	
St. Andrew's, Marianna	5 00	
St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley	1 70—	118 70
		$5,707 82

EXPENDITURES.

By Building and Loan Association Dues:		
Little Rock, Series Nos. 13 and 7	$ 280 00	
People's, Helena, dues and premium	1,927 97	
Home, 1st series, Helena, premium	565 90	
Home, 2d series, Helena	60 00	
Home, 3d series, Helena, dues and premium	111 35—	2,945 12
Cost for Bell claim, now in suit		28 05
Pine Bluff Property:		
Repairs, insurance, taxes, water and expense, as per vouchers 1 to 14		103 10
Loan to the Vestry of St. John's Church		1,125 00
Balance on hand		1,506 55
		$5,707 82

PRESENT VALUE OF FUND.

Building and Loan:		
Little Rock, Series No. 13 paid in	$ 200, worth	$ 240 00
People's, Helena paid in	3,564, worth	4,851 00
Home, Helena, Series No. 1 paid in	470, worth	725 00
Home, Helena, Series No. 2 paid in	330, worth	413 80
Home, Helena, Series No. 3 paid in	110, worth	120 00
Bills Receivable:		
M. L. Bell note face	1,000, worth	1,300 00
St. John's Church note face	1,125, worth	1,135 00
Pine Bluff property, as per former valuation, which is not too high		3,936 00

Costs in Bell case, which should be returned when case is settled	31 55
Cash on hand	1,506 55
Present value of fund	$14,258 90
Value at close of last term	12,690 62
Increase for year	$ 1,568 28

It is with deep regret I call attention to the small amount that has been donated by the various Parishes throughout the Diocese. I had hoped that with the reduction of the Council assessment, that a liberal response would be made to let the difference go to this fund. It seems so strange to me that there is nothing more done by the Clergymen to get special contributions; for I cannot help but feel that if the people fully knew what a burden this would be, in case we had to support our Diocesan, they would certainly take some steps toward the increase as a means of their own protection. At the last Council held at Fayetteville a resolution was passed empowering the Standing Committee, in connection with the Trustee of this fund, to take such steps as they deemed wise to increase it. This committee sent out a circular to all the Parishes throughout the Diocese, stating fully the plans to be adopted, and tried to impress the Laity with our needs; this statement shows what success it met with. I believe it would be wise to ask that each Parish give the same amount to this fund that they pay to the Council assessment, and make it obligatory. I consider this one of the most important matters that will come before you, and hope such means for a more liberal contribution to increase this fund will be adopted. I have been compelled to take legal steps to collect the Bell note, and hope to have it all arranged soon. I have done everything possible to build up this fund, and had it not been for substantial increase on the B. & L. funds our profits for past year would have been very small. I must express my thanks to Messrs. N. B. & J. B. Trulock for the kind attention they have given to property in Pine Bluff, and had it not been for them the fund would have suffered considerably on account of costs for collecting rents and adjusting other claims we had in that city.

Fraternally yours,

S. S. FAULKNER, *Trustee.*

APPENDIX V.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It is with great thankfulness that your committee feel able to say that at the least the Church in the Diocese of Arkansas has maintained itself during the last conciliar year, and from the examination of all the data in their possession, they believe it consistent with the facts to say that there has been marked progress. Had it not been for the fact that several of the Clergy requested the Bishop to defer his visitation until after the Council, the number of confirmations would have been greater than last year. There is evidence of proper zeal on the part of our Clergy, and a corresponding co-operation on the part of the Laity, manifested in one respect by their attendance upon the Council. There is peace and harmony throughout the Diocese and in the Council. The total contributions for last year are greater by a considerable percentage, notwithstanding the prevalent financial depression. The assessments have been paid, some of the Parishes giving even more than their quota. The increase of the Episcopate Fund is very gratifying. All Parishes and Missions are supplied with Clergy, save one vacancy caused by the recent entry into Paradise of the Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, the esteemed Caleb A. Bruce.

By reason of these things we may well feel thankful to Almighty God, take courage and go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. RAMSAY,
CHARLES E. CABANISS,
A. W. PIERCE,
J. W. KEEBLE,
D. S. C. M. POTTER.

APPENDIX VI.

PAROCHIAL ASSESSMENTS.

ORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

›ur committee submit a list of unpaid assessments and of sments for the ensuing year.

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

ːt Church, Little Rock	$ 96 50

ASSESSMENTS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

aul's Batesville	15 00
ɔhn's, Camden	10 00
ames', Eureka Springs	7 00
aul's, Fayetteville	31 50
ohn's, Helena	50 00
lark's, Hope	10 00
.uke's, Hot Springs	32 00
ɔhn's, Fort Smith	53 00
ːt Church, Little Rock	125 00
ty, Little Rock	30 00
ındrew's, Marianna	7 00
ındrew's, Mammoth Spring	7 00
ıgnes', Morrilton	7 00
ːemer, Nashville	3 50
aul's, Newport	12 00
ty, Pine Bluff	31 50
ty, Van Buren	10 50
e, Washington	7 00
l Shepherd, Forrest City	5 00
'hilip's, Little Rock	2 50
Total	$479 00

JOHN GASS, *Chairman.*
J. C. FITZHUGH,
J. H. O'CONNOR.

APPENDIX VII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BATESVILLE.

THE REV. JAMES WALTER KEEBLE, Rector.

J. C. FITZHUGH, DR. WM. LAWRENCE, Wardens.

Number of families, 45. BAPTISMS: Infants, 3. Confirmations, 1. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Received, 3; total added, 3; removed, 2; total lost, 2; present number, 75. Marriages, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 26; other days, 65; total, 91. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 16; total, 16. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 45. Church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $27; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $719.05; Bishop's visitation, $9; total, $746 05.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $14; Diocesan missions, $7.50; aged and infirm Clergy, $12; total, $33.50.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, Sunday-school, $7; foreign missions, Mexico, $5. Miscellaneous: Sunday-school, $7.50; Sunday-school, Mexican mission, $5; total, $12 00.

Total offerings, $812.55.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$3,000 00
Estimated value Rectory	200 00
Total	$3,200 00

ST. LUKE'S MISSION, BRINKLEY.

W. W. SMALL, M. D., Lay Reader.

T. H. JACKSON, Warden.

Number of families, 11. Whole number of souls, 44. Number baptized persons, 39. BAPTISMS: Infant, 1. Actual communicants, 23. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 90; other days, 15; total 105. HOLY COMMUNION: Public 3; total 3. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 46. Church sittings, 75.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: For the purchase of Church property, $177.35.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $3.35; Episcopate Fund, $1.70; total, $5.05.

Total offerings, $182.40.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$300 00
Estimated value other Church property	50 00
Total	$350 00

St. Luke's Mission has for the last year been without a minister, but the people have been working under the direction of Dr. W. W. Small, Lay Reader, and have succeeded in paying for a Church building, which, with a little improvement, will make a most desirable place of worship.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.

THE REV. D. B. RAMSAY, Rector.

CALEB H. STONE, JOS. A. REEVES, Wardens.

Number of families, 29. Whole number of souls, 125. Number baptized persons, 111. BAPTISMS: Infants, 6. Confirmations, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 3; total added, 3; removed, 2; died, 2; total lost, 4; present number, male, 17; female, 33; total, 50. Burials, 2. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 104; other days, 42; total, 146. HOLY COMMUNION:

Public, 15. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 8; pupils, 36. Church sittings, 180. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $31.95; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $116.28; repairs, $21.60; total, $169.83.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $60; the Bishop for Church building, $4.65; total, $74 65.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and foreign missions, $13.85.

Total offerings, $258.33.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$3000 00
Estimated value Rectory	600 00
Estimated value other Church property	50 00
Total	$3650 00

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUREKA SPRINGS.

THE REV. RICHARD S. JAMES, D. D, Rector.

COL. W. G. WEAR, GEORGE S. BROWN, Wardens.

Number of families, 25. Whole number of souls, 82. Number baptized persons, 60. BAPTISMS: Infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6. Confimations, 6. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Present number, male, 11; female, 34, total, 45. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sunday, 82; other days, 57; total, 139. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 19; private, 1; total, 20. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 4; pupils, 28. Church sittings, 120.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $32 25; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $225; miscellaneous, $10; total, $267.25.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $15. Episcopate Fund, $5; miscellaneous, $3.75; building new churches, $4; total, $27.75.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $5; foreign missions, $5; total, $10.

Total offerings, $305.00.

Estimated value of Church and grounds	$800 00
Estimated value of other Church property	150 00
Total	$950 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

THE REV. JAMES J. VAULX, Rector.

COL. J. L. CRAVENS, HON. FRANK HILL, Wardens.

BAPTISMS: Infants, 8; adults, 2; *total, 10. *Confirmations, 19. †ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS, 160. Marriages, 3 Burials, 5. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 200; other days, 353: total, 553. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 100, private, 4; total, 104. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 7; pupils, 70. Church sittings, about 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1000; weekly offertory, $165.80; Church improvements, etc., $578.59; miscellaneous, $33; total, $1777.39.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $31.50; Diocesan missions, $44.80; miscellaneous, $15; total, $91.30.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $10.18; Society for Promotion of Christianity Among Jews, $3.50; total, $13.68.

Total offerings, $1882.37.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$4266 00
Estimated value Rectory	3000 00
Total	$7266 00

*These include baptisms and confirmations at St. Stephen's, Winslow.

†Communicants at Winslow, Boonsboro, Springdale and Rogers are included.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FORREST CITY.

WALTER GORMAN, E. L. VADAKIN, Wardens.

Number of families, 20. Whole number of souls, 89. Number persons baptized, 63. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2; adults, 4; total, 6. Confirmations, 2. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 3; received, 2; total added, 5; present number, male, 9; female, 23; total, 32. Number confirmed persons, 32. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 32; other days, 4; total, 39. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 17; total, 17. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 39. Church sittings, 235.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $22; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $125; total, $147.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $5; Diocesan missions, $10; Episcopate Fund, $5; building Churches, $2.80; total, $22.80.

Total offerings, $169.80.

Estimated value Church and grounds $3500 00

Amount of indebtedness on Church property 400 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORT SMITH.

THE REV. W. T. ALLEN, Rector.

JOHN H. ROGERS, W. M. MELLETTE, Wardens.

Number of families, 128. Whole number of souls, 379. Number baptized persons, 129. BAPTISMS: Infants, 12; adults, 4; total, 16. Confirmations, 19. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 19; received, 15; total added, 34; removed, 16; died, 2; total lost, 18; present number, male, 67; female, 176; total, 243. Marriages, 7. Burials, 6. PUBLIC SERVICES: Total, 167. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 31; private, 5; total, 36. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 10; pupils, 114. Church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

AROCHIAL: Communion alms, $43.95; Rector's salary and sh expenses, $1887.63; poor, $50; on hand for new Church, 35; total, $3666.58.

IOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; Diocesan missions, 3.90; aged and infirm Clergy, $7.50; Episcopate Fund, $16; l, $192.40.

XTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $18.

otal offerings, $3876.98.

mated value Church and grounds	$10,000 00
mated value Rectory	1,800 00
mated value other Church property	705 00
otal	$12,505 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA.

THE REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

P. O. THWEATT, GREENFIELD QUARLES, Wardens.

umber of families, 105. Whole number of souls, 435. Num- of baptized persons, 415. BAPTISMS: Infants, 15; adults, 5; l, 20. Confirmations, 15. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Ad- ted, 13; received, 4; total added, 17; removed, 2; died, 1; l lost, 3; total, 245. Number confirmed persons, 250. rriages, 6. Burials, 9. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 134; er days, 134; total, 258. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 67; 'ate, 7; total, 74. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 16; pupils, . Church sittings, 350. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

AROCHIAL: Communion alms, $55.55; Rector's salary and ish expenses, $2752.45; Mission, $63.15; Brotherhood, 005. J. T. Jones, $213; Aid Society, $565 26; Memorial ne, $10.25. Building Society, $75 25; special to Sexton, 75. Total, $3877.71.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $52.50; Diocesan missions, 131.81; aged and infirm Clergy, $12.15; Episcopate Fund, $44; Bishop's visit, $16.80; Polk Memorial window, $4.10; contribution to Bishop's Gown, $15; total, $276.36.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic Missions, $25; University of the South, $3.95; total, 28.95.

Total offerings, $4183.02.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$16,000
Estimated value Rectory	7,000
Estimated value other Church property	13,000
Total	$36,000
Amount of indebtedness on Church property (Rectory)	$ 1125

The above report does not include $40 contributed to St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley, Ark., to aid in the purchase of a place of worship.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HOPE.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

J. T. WEST, S. A. KNIGHTON, Wardens.

Number of families, 25. Whole number of souls, 83. Number baptized persons, 76. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Received, 1; total added, 1; removed, 6; total lost, 6; present number, male, 12; female, 20; total, 32. Number confirmed persons, 40. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 116; other days, 205; total, 321. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 74; private, 1; total, 75. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 1; pupils, 26. Church sittings, 140.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary, $410.05; Parish expenses, $132.10; charity, $7.30; balance on hand, $9; total, $558.45.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessments, 2 years, $20; Diocesan missions, $4.20; aged and infirm Clergy, $2.80; Episcopate Fund, $42 25; presentation to Bishop, 25th anniversary, $5 total, $74.25.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Children's Easter offering, domestic and foreign missions, $6.60; domestic missions, .40; foreign missions, $2.40; colored missions, $1.35; Jewish missions, $4; University of the South, .65; total, $15.40.

Total offerings, $648.10.

Estimated value of Church and grounds..... $2000 00

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.

THE REV. WM. JAMES MILLER, Rector.

GEORGE G. LATTA, R. B. BANCROFT, Wardens.

Number of families, 90. BAPTISMS: Infants, 14; adults, ; total, 17. Confirmations, 19. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 23; received, 6; total added, 29; removed, 21; ied, 3; total lost, 24; present number, 140. Marriages, 6. urials, 13. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 129; other days, 8; total, 207. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 61; private, 2; otal, 63. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 75. Church ttings, 450.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $74.30; Rector's salary and arish expenses, $2051.75; paid on Church debt, $993.30; unday school, $27.80; miscellaneous, $326.10; total, $3473.25.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $31.50; Diocesan missions, $92.77; aged and infirmed Clergy, $16.50; Bishop's sitation, $15.60; total, $156.37.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $10.56; foreign issions, $10.50; total, $21.06.

Total offerings, $3650.68.

Estimated value of Church and grounds $30,000 00

NOTE—The work of the Parish was very much interrupted by an epidemic for months during the busiest and most active part of the year.

CHRIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. JOHN GASS, Rector.

DR. W. A. CANTRELL, Senior Warden.

MR. JOHN W. GOODWIN, Junior Warden.

Number of families, 300. Whole number of souls, about 1000. BAPTISMS: Infants, 35; adults, 7; total, 42. Confirmations, 45. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Present number, male, 131; female, 371; total, 502. Marriages, 6. Burials, 13. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 42; pupils, 342. Church sittings, 550. Rectory, yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $150; Rector's salary, $2000; Parish expenses, debts, $1617.24; total, $3747.24.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $34.70; Aged and infirm Clergy, $24.72; total, $59.42.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $109; foreign missions, $25.73; total, $134.73.

Total offerings, $3941.45.

Estimated value of Church and grounds $60,000
Estimated value rectory 8,500
Estimated value other Church property, St. Paul's Chapel 1,500
Total $70,000

The financial report is only for the past six months.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. JOHN DAVIS, Dean.

P. K. ROOTS, G. F. BURCHARD, Wardens.

Number of families, 75. Whole number of souls, 2[illegible] BAPTISMS: Infants, 8; adults, 3; total, 11. Confirmations, Number of confirmed persons, 149. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 104; other days, 30; total[illegible]

Holy Communion: Public, 49; private, 1; total, 50. ay School: Teachers, 8; pupils, 70. Church sittings, Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

rochial: St. Andrew's Brotherhood, $14.50; Com- on alms, $35.40; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, 61; Ladies' Guild, $206.93; Choir Fund, $84.75; Sun- school, $51.00; total, $1811.19.

ocesan: Diocesan assessment, $52; Diocesan missions, 0; aged and infirm Clergy, $10.75; Bishop's visitation er), $6.00; total, $102.65.

tra Diocesan: Domestic missions, $2.75; Sunday ol Lenten offering for general missions, $48.00; total, 5.

tal offerings, $1964.59.

nated value Church and grounds $20,000 00
nated value Rectory 1,350 00

tal $21,350 00

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

The Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, Minister.

Prof. J. O. W Alexander, A. H. Dixon, Wardens.

mber of families, 13. Whole number of souls, 54. Num- baptized persons, 54 Baptisms: Infants, 3; adults, 1; 4. Confirmations, 6. Actual Communicants: Received, ed, 1; present number, male, 11; female, 24; total, 35. ber confirmed persons, 54. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. ic Services: Sundays, 101; other days, 12; total, 113. r Communion: Public, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, upils, 55. Church sittings, 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

rochial: Communion alms, $2.60; Rector's salary and sh expenses, $25; miscellaneous, $12; total, $39 60.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $5 95; aged and infirm Clergy, .25; total, $6.20.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $2.80.

Total offerings, $48.60.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$2,500 00
Estimated value Rectory	500 00
Estimated value other Church property	50 00
Total	$3,050 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MAMMOTH SPRINGS.

THE REV. ED. J. WILLIAMS, Rector.

P. P. B. HYNSON, ROBERT ERWIN, Wardens.

Number of families, 12. Number baptized persons on Parish register, 45. BAPTISMS: Infants, 1; adults, 2; total, 3. Confirmations, 8. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 8; total added, 8; removed, 2; died, 1; total lost, 3; present number, male, 7; female, 15; total, 22. Number confirmed persons, 24. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 102; other days, 30; total, 132. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 15; private, 1; total, 16. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 5; Pupils, 30. Church sittings, 147. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $643.97; miscellaneous, $27.26; total, $671.23.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions, $8.77; miscellaneous, $7.28; total, $16.05.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and foreign missions, $13.

Total offerings, $700.28.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$1700 00
Estimated value Rectory	800 00
Total	$2500 00
Amount of indebtedness on Church property	$ 240 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MARIANNA.

J. P. DUNHAM, D. S. CLARK, Wardens.

nber of families, 16. Whole number of souls, 75. Number ed persons, 72. BAPTISMS: Infants, 4. Confirmations, CTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 3; received, 3; total , 6; removed, 4; died, 1; total lost, 5; present num- ıale, 14; female, 26; total, 40. Number confirmed per- 40. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sun- 62; other days, 8; total, 70. HOLY COMMUNION: Pub- . SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 5; pupils, 40. Church s, 120. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

OCHIAL: Total, $100.

CESAN: Dioceasn assessment, $7; Diocesan missions, ; Episcopate fund, $5; total, $30.95.

al offerings, $130.95.

ated value of Church and grounds $3000 00

ST. AGNES' CHURCH, MORRILTON.

THE REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, Rector.

W. M. SCARBOROUGH, T. P. STOUT, Wardens.

nber of families, 15. Whole number of souls, 50. BAP- : Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNI- : Admitted, 7; total added, 7; died, 1; total lost, 1; ıt number, male, 12; female, 24; total, 36. Marriages, ırials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 51; other days, otal, 61. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 13. SUNDAY L: Teachers, 3; pupils, 20. Church sittings, 100. ry? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

OCHIAL: Rectory's salary and Parish expenses, $201.70.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $7; Diocesan missions, $15; Bishop Pierce for the Cathedral, $2.60; total, $24.60.

Total offerings, $226.30.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$2441 55
Estimated value Rectory	490 00
Total	$2931 55

TRINITY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.

THE REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Rector.

DAY MILLS, ROBERT E. LEE, Wardens.

Number of families, 69. Number baptized persons, 241. BAPTISMS: Infants, 14; adults, 3; total, 17. Confirmations, 11. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 8; total added, 19; removed, 4; died, 3; withdrawn, 1; total lost, 7; present number, 118. Number confirmed persons, 148. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 106; other days, 79; total, 185. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 49; private, 5; total, 54. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 60. Church sittings, 450. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $19.43; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1263.83; Trinity Church Association, $210.10; Sunday school, $22; Young Ladies' Guild, $110; total, $1625.26.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $31.50; Tribute to the Bishop in commemoration of 25th anniversary of his Episcopate, $5; total, $36.50.

Total offerings, $1661.76.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$12,000 00
Estimated value of Rectory	3,000 00
Estimated value of other Church property	1,000 00
Total	$16,000 00

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, NASHVILLE.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

Number of families, 3. Number of souls, 15. Number of baptized persons, 15. Number male communicants, 2; number female communicants, 4; total, 6. Number of confirmed persons, 8. Public services, 7 (all on week days). HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 4. Church sittings, 100.

Estimated value Church and grounds $900 00

No debt. I visit this place once a month. This report covers the four months ending with Easter Monday. The total offerings were $6.55 to pay railway fare.

CENTER POINT MISSION.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

No Church building. Number of communicants, 3. Number of families, 1. Number of souls, 6. Number baptized persons, 6. Holy communion, 1. Baptisms, 1. No offerings.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PRESCOTT.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

There is a Church building. Value of Church and grounds, [illegible] 000. No congregation, except one confirmed person.

No services have been held at Gurdon, Fulton or Spring Hill during the past year. There is no Church building at any of the places.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWPORT.

THE REV. J. W. KEEBLE, Rector.

Number of families, 30. Whole number of souls, 120. Number of baptized persons, 120. BAPTISMS: Infants, 2; adults, 3; total, 3. Confirmations, 3. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Admitted, 3; received, 3; total added, 6; present number, 56.

Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 52; other days, 30; total, 82. HOLY COMMUNION: Public 12. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 8; pupils, 35. Church sittings, 100. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $500; Church offertory, $67.95; Ladies' Guild, $40.27; Sunday school, $17.28; Bishop's visitation, $5; total, $626.50.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $12.35; Church building in Arkansas, $5.35; total, $27.70.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $4.60; mission to the Jews, $1; deaf and dumb, $2.35; total, $7.95.

Total offerings, $667.15.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$2000 00
Estimated value Rectory	350 00
Total	$2350 00

TRINITY CHURCH, VAN BUREN.

THE REV. G. W. FLOWERS, Rector.

S. A. PERNOT, HENRY FABER, Wardens.

Number of families, 31. Whole number of souls, 1[illegible]3 Number baptized persons, 171. BAPTISMS: Infants, 6; adu[illegible]t: 6; total, 12. Confirmations, 9. COMMUNICANTS: Admitte[illegible]d 9; received, 4; total added, 13; removed, 1; died, 2; to[illegible] lost, 3; present number, male, 20; female, 78; total, 9[illegible] number confirmed persons, 98. Marriages, 3. Burials, [illegible] PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 156; other days, 626; tota[illegible] 782. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 84; private, 2; total, 8[illegible] SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 6; pupils, 52. Church sitting[illegible] 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $42.80; Rector's salary and [illegible]

Parish expenses, $922.08; miscellaneous, $12.75; total, $977.63.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $6; Diocesan missions, $38.60; total, $44.60.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and foreign missions, $12.30.

Total offerings, $1034.53.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$3000 00
Estimated value Rectory	1000 00
Total	$4000 00

GRACE CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

Number of families, 8. Whole number of souls, 25. Number baptized persons, 25. ACTUAL COMMUNICANTS: Present number, male, 1; female, 7; total, 8. Number confirmed persons, 12. Marriages, 1. PUBLIC SERVICES: Sundays, 11; other days, 11; total, 22. HOLY COMMUNION: Public, 12. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers, 3; pupils, 8. Church sittings, 160. Rectory? Yes, but decayed.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $66.66; balance on hand, $13.50; total, $80.16.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $7; Diocesan missions, $10 08; aged and infirm Clergy, $1.75; Episcopate Fund, $5.75; presentation to Bishop, 25th anniversary, $2 50; total, $27.08.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Children's Easter offering, domestic and foreign missions, $7; total, $7.

Total offerings, $114.24.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$ 900 00
Estimated value Rectory	300 00
Total	$1200 00

Above report is for six months.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Bishop	1
Clergy	16
Parishes and Missions	32
Church buildings	27
Rectories	16
Baptisms	187
Confirmed	184
Communicants	2400
Marriages	53
Burials	82
Sunday School teachers	160
Sunday School scholars	1400
Contributions	$ 26,545 64
Value of Church property	225,702 55

APPENDIX VIII.

THE

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

APPENDED TO THE JOURNAL BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL.

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

This Church conforms to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as set forth by the General Convention of the same; to which Constitution and Canons this Church hereby accedes, and subordinates herself, according to the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE I.*

Of the Clergy and Laity.

There are three orders of the Clergy:

First—The Bishop, who exercises all the functions of the Ministry, presides over the Church by Apostolic Authority, and has the sole right to ordain, to confirm, and to pronounce judicial sentence on offenders; and governs the Church in his Diocese according to the Holy Scriptures and the Canons of this Church.

Second—The Priests or Presbyters, who preach the Word, administer the Sacraments of the Church, and have the oversight and pastoral care of the Laity in their several Congregations. They also have the right to advise their Bishop and to share in the government of the Church, according to the Canons.

Third—The Deacons, who having received limited office in the general Ministry, serve in the same where they may be appointed by the Bishop. They are subject to the orders of the Bishop, cannot take the Rectorship of a Church, and must be under the care and supervision of some priest, who shall direct them in their work.

The Laity are divided and organized, according to local convenience, into Parishes or Congregations They commit

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the general management of their parochial business to a portion of their own number, annually elected, and called Wardens and Vestrymen. To these belong the administration of all the secular concerns of their particular Parish; but they have no part in the spiritual government of the Church, which belongs to the Clergy alone.

ARTICLE II.

Of the Council.

There shall be a Council of the Diocese annually, at such time and place as the Council may, from time to time, determine; and, in case of its failure to do so, the Bishop shall appoint the time and place. In the Council the Bishop shall preside by virtue of his office. The Clergy shall sit by right of their order, and the Laity shall be represented by Delegates chosen for that purpose by the Vestry of each Congregation.

The Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall be entitled to seats in the Council, with privilege of debate but shall have no vote, by reason of their offices.

Special Councils may be called by the Bishop, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee, when some urgent necessity may require the action of the whole Church.

Without the concurrence of the Clergy and the Laity, no rule or law of the Church can be adopted, changed or done away.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Organization of Congregations.

All Congregations and Parishes represented in the Primary Convention, shall be deemed duly organized; and thereafter, the organization of all Parishes shall be in the form provided by the Canon, and subject to the will of the Council. And no Parish shall have an organic existence, or corporate life in this Church, unless acknowledged by the Council and approved by

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Support and Advancement of the Church.

All Christian men are bound to bear the just share of the burdens which duty imposes.

The Council, by Canon and resolution, may establish special funds:

First—For the support of the Episcopate.

Second—For the support of Missionaries.

Third—For the support of aged and infirm Clergymen.

Fourth—For Church building.

Fifth—For education of men for the Ministry; and take all other measures necessary for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom: *Provided*, That this article does not imply any power to make any assessment except for the necessary expenses of the Diocese, *"which shall include all current expenses and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund."

ARTICLE V.

Of the Administration of Justice.

The Clergy, Priests and Deacons, may be tried by an Ecclesiastical Court, composed of Presbyters chosen for that purpose. But there shall be no such trial except on due presentment, and according to the Canon for the trial of Clergymen set forth in this Diocese, and the rules of Ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Tenure of Church Property.

The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, or other persons in whose names the property of any Church or Parish may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee, under their hands given, grant, alienate or otherwise dispose of any lands,

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by adding the words in quotation marks. Confirmed by action of the Seventeenth Annual Council.

essuages, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and nefit of said Church, nor charge, nor encumber the same to y person whatever.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amending the Constitution.

A proposal to amend this Constitution must be laid before e Council in writing, and, if approved, shall lie over until the xt annual Council, and in the meantime, shall be notified to e Parishes; and then, if it be approved by the Bishop, and two-thirds of the Clergy, and by two-thirds of the Laity esent, voting by orders, the proposed amendment shall be- ome a part of the Constitution.

THE CANONS.

Enacted by the First Annual Council, A. D. 1872. Revised by the Fifteenth Annual Council A. D. 1887, also by the Nineteenth Annual Council, A. D. 1891, and as Amended by the Twenty-Third Annual Council, A. D. 1895.

TITLE I.

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS

CANON I.*

OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The members of the Council shall consist of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese having the following qualifications: Every Clergyman having been admitted canonically by the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be a member of the Council; but no Clergyman shall be qualified to vote at the election of a Bishop unless he shall have been canonically and actually a resident of the Diocese for six months. Every Parish regularly organized as required by the Constitution, shall be entitled to send three Delegates to the Council, and every duly organized Mission Station shall be entitled to send one Delegate; *Provided always*, That such Delegates shall be communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that no person under Ecclesiastical censure or process, whether Clergyman or Layman, shall be allowed a seat in the Council.

SEC. 2. The first standing committee appointed by the Bishop, after the Council has been duly organized, and the

* Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by omitting the words, "Episcopate, Fund and the current," and in lieu thereof inserting the word "necessary." By the action of the Seventeenth Annual Council amended to read as now printed.

Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting he words, "and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment."

NOTE.—By action of the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, it was ordered that the sections be numbered consecutively.

last to make a report, shall be a Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of one Priest and two Laymen, whose duty it shall be to consider the condition of each Parish and Mission, and to make an equitable assessment upon them, to be applied to the expenses of the Diocese, which shall include all current expenses and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund. The Lay Delegates from each Parish to the Diocesan Council shall, as a necessary part of their credentials, present to the Council the receipt of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or other satisfactory evidence, showing the payment of this assessment and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment. *Provided*, That the Council when formally organized, may, for good and sufficient reasons, excuse any delinquent Parish or Mission from the payment of any portion or all of this assessment.

SEC. 3. The Council shall, ordinarily, deliberate and vote without any distinction of orders; but any member may call for a division upon any question, and if this call is sustained by two other members, then the question shall be put first to the Clergy and next to the Laity, who shall vote by Parishes; and in such a case a majority of both orders shall be necessary to constitute an affirmative vote of the Council.

SEC. 4. The Bishop presides in Council by virtue of his office, and has the right to express his opinion upon every subject that may come before the Council. In the absence of the Bishop, the Council shall elect a Chairman from the Clergy present. At each Council a Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a joint ballot of the whole body.

SEC. 5. When a Bishop is to be elected, the Council shall always vote by orders, in this wise: The Clergy shall make a nomination by ballot, and a majority of Lay Delegates, voting by Parishes, shall concur by ballot, in order to constitute an election.

SEC. 6. When any great necessity shall arise, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, may call a special Council. In such case, four weeks'

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notice shall be given to every Clergyman and to one of the Wardens in every Parish in the Diocese, stating the time, place and objects of the special Council; and no other matters shall be proposed or acted upon than those specified in the call of said special Council.

CANON II.*

OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of the Council shall keep in a fit book, full and exact records of all its acts, and shall preserve all papers, documents, memorials, etc., belonging to the same, duly indorsed and filed in such way that they may be easily consulted whenever recourse to them may be necessary. He shall also prepare, under the direction of the Bishop, at least one week before the meeting of the Council, a list of all the Ministers canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing their respective stations, distinguishing Priests from Deacons, but not inserting the name of any Clergyman who is suspended from the Ministry. The list thus prepared shall be laid before the Council immediately after it shall be called to order, and the names of the clerical members shall be called therefrom. Nevertheless, the Council has power immediately to order the correction of any errors or omissions.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall have charge of the General Fund of the Diocese, and all other funds which the Council may commit to his care, and shall keep a strict account of the same in a fit book, with distinct places therein for all proper entries. He shall keep a regular account with all funds and with all persons and Parishes concerned, and shall annually exhibit a balance sheet to the Council. He shall indorse and file away all warrants, orders or other papers belonging to his

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words "or Trustee of any fund." Also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, by inserting the word "which" after the word funds, and the word "Council" instead of Auditing Committee, in section 8.

department, and shall have his accounts audited at each Council by the Finance Committee.

SEC. 9. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, or Trustee of any fund, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint a fit person to fill the vacancy, who shall receive all records, funds and papers from the hands of the former officer or his legal representatives, and such appointee shall continue in office and perform all the duties thereof until the ensuing Council shall have elected some one to fill the same.

CANON III.*

OF THE REGISTRAR.

SEC. 10. A Registrar shall be elected by the Council, into whose keeping shall be committed all documents pertaining to the history of the Church in the Diocese of Arkansas, that are now, or may hereafter become, the property of the Council. Said Registrar shall preserve all documents herein referred to, in some suitable place of deposit, and shall hold them subject to such regulations as the Council may, from time to time, prescribe.

SEC. 11. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, and until another shall be chosen in his place.

CANON IV.†

OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL.

SEC. 12. Every Clergyman of the Diocese shall attend the Annual Council, unless he is excused by the Bishop.

SEC. 13. Every Parish shall send Lay Delegates to the Annual Council, and the Vestry shall make provision for their representation unless excused by the Council.

*Amended by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, to read: "Said Registrar shall," etc.

†As amended by the action of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Annual Councils, and by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, a verbal change—"It shall be the duty," etc., to "The Vestry shall."

SEC. 14. No member of the Council shall leave the same during the sessions, without having obtained leave of absence from the Council.

CANON V.

OF THE NUMBER NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

SEC. 15. A quorum for ordinary business at the Annual Council shall consist of such Clergy and Delegates from the Parishes as may be present; but, if the Bishop be not present, such quorum shall have power only to receive reports of committees and Parishes, and to refer the same; to elect the ordinary officers and committees, and to fix the time and place for the next Council. In the election of a Bishop, two-thirds of the Clergy and a majority of all the Parishes shall be present before the Council proceed to elect. At any *called* Council, other than as provided for in Article II of the Constitution, a quorum shall consist of a majority of all the Clergy entitled to seats, and Lay Delegates from four or more Parishes.

CANON VI.

OF THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL.

SEC. 16. At the opening of every Council there shall be a celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon by a Priest appointed by the Bishop when the Bishop himself does not deliver at that time a sermon or charge. And this *may* be preceded by Morning Prayer.

CANON VII.*

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 17. At every Annual Council there shall be elected three Priests and two Laymen, by ballot, as a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. They shall elect, from their own body, a President and Secretary. They shall meet on the summons of the President. A quorum shall consist of three,

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

two of whom at least shall be Priests. When required they shall vote by orders.

SEC. 18. The Secretary shall keep a regular record of their proceedings in a book which shall belong to the Diocese, and which, together with all papers in the possession of the Committee, shall be open to the inspection of the Committee, or the Council or the Bishop when required.

SEC. 19. The Standing Committee shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish their advice; and they may meet, of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. And the President shall call a meeting at any time, on the request in writing of any two members, or when he may deem it necessary.

SEC. 20. When the Episcopate is vacant, through any cause, the Standing Committee shall call a meeting forthwith, and, after consultation as to the time and place, summon a Special Council of the Diocese, to elect a successor, with all convenient speed. *Provided*, That if such vacancy occur within less than six months before the Annual Council there shall be no Special Council, but the election of a Bishop shall be deferred until the Annual Council; and during the vacancy, the Standing Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Ecclesiastical Authority consistent with their character as the the administrators of the Diocese under Council.

CANON VIII.*

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 21. At every Council the Presiding Officer shall Appoint standing committees on—

1. Credentials of Lay Delegates.
2. Ways and Means.
3. Admission of New Parishes.
4. State of the Church.

* By the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council the second section of Canon VIII was repealed.

5. Auditing and Finance.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Constitution and Canons.

And on such other subjects as he may deem requisite to put the Council in possession of properly proposed information for their action.

CANON IX.*

OF THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

SEC. 22. Every Council shall elect Trustees for all funds that may be created.

SEC. 23. A Trustee shall be annually appointed by the Council, who shall be known as the Trustee of the Episcopate Endowment Fund, and who shall be specially charged with the responsibility for the accumulation and investment of said fund. As often as the amounts received by him shall aggregate the sum of $50, he shall invest the same, under the supervision of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese. The said Trustee shall make annual reports to the Council of the condition of said fund and the investment thereof. Each year said Trustee shall execute a bond with two or more sureties to the State of Arkansas, for the use and benefit of the Diocese thereof; said bond shall be for such sum as the Council may require, and affirmed by the Standing Committee, which bond, when so affirmed, said committee shall file with the Registrar of the Diocese, subject to the control of the Diocese.

CANON X.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 24. Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen at each Annual Council, and shall continue in office until others are chosen.

SEC. 25. The Deputies to the General Convention shall be

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council. And also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895. The verbal change, "The said Trustee shall," instead of "It shall be the duty," etc., and changing the last sentence to read as it now stand

elected by ballot, the Clergy and Laity separately electing the Deputies and Substitutes of their respective orders.

SEC. 26. Substitutes for Deputies shall be elected one at a time; and, in the event of the resignation or inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such vacancy shall be filled by the Substitutes in the order of election, and the Journal must show the order of election of Substitutes, Clerical or Lay.

CANON XI.

OF PUBLISHING THE JOURNAL.

SEC. 27. The proceedings of the Council shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and duly distributed, unless the Council shall otherwise order.

CANON XII.

OF FAILURE TO ELECT OFFICERS.

SEC. 28. In all cases of failure to elect officers, whether in the Council or in a Parish, the persons last elected shall continue to serve with full power until their successors are elected.

CANON XIII.*

OF THE CHANCELLOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 29. There shall be elected by the Council, an officer learned in the law, under the title of Chancellor of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to act as the legal counsellor of the Bishop and of the Standing Committee, in matters affecting the interest of the Church, as his professional counsel may be asked or required. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall hold his office for the term of three years, and, in the event of a vacancy, the Annual Council next ensuing shall elect a successor for the full term of three years.

SEC. 30. The Council shall annually elect two Laymen,

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

learned in the law, who, together with the Chancellor, shal constitute the Judiciary Committee of the Diocese, and o which committee the Chancellor shall be chairman.

CANON XIV.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 31.

1. Calling the roll.
2. Presentation of the Certificates of Lay Delegates.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Election of Secretary.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees of the Council.
7. Annual Address of the Bishop.
8. Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
9. The Board of Missions shall sit at the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Council.
10. Report of Special Committees.
11. Report of the Trustees of the several Funds.
12. Report of the Auditing Committee.
13. Election of Treasurer.
14. Election of Standing Committee of the Diocese.
15. Report of Committee on State of the Church.
16. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.
17. Election of Trustees of the several Funds.
18. Election of Trustees of the University of the South and other Trustees not specified.
19. Election of Registrar.
20. Election of Chancellor.
21. Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.
22. Miscellaneous Business.
23. Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

*As amended by the action of the Sixteenth Annual Council, the Twenty-first Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

TITLE II.

OF PARISHES AND PARISH MINISTERS.

CANON I.

SEC. 32. All vacant Parishes shall be under the pastoral :e of the Bishop. He shall provide for public worship, as as he can, by occasional services of the Clergy, and by fit rsons appointed as Lay Readers.

CANON II.*

SEC. 33. When any Parish shall have elected a Rector, and shall have accepted the call, the Vestry shall file with the shop a minute of their proceedings, including the particular reement on their part and the acceptance of the elected inister, showing that he accepts on the terms and agreeents stipulated by the Vestry. The Bishop shall make re-)rd thereof, and the same shall be binding on the parties con-:rned, and held as a firm contract.

CANON III.

SEC. 34. The Rector shall preside at all Vestry meetings, present, and open the same with prayer, and may advise, t not vote, on any question.

SEC. 35. To the Rector belongs the control of the keys of Church, and the right to open the Church for public yer, sermons, catechetical instructions, marriages, funerals,)tisms, and all rights and ceremonies authorized by the)testant Episcopal Church in America, at all times when he y deem proper.

SEC. 36. The Church building shall never be used for any ular or profane purpose.

*Amended by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, to read: "The Vestry ll," instead of "It shall be the duty," etc.

CANON IV.*

SEC. 37. Every Parish Minister shall keep a Parish Register, which shall be a well-bound book, and, as far as may be, uniform throughout the Diocese.

SEC. 38. In it shall be entered the names of all persons baptized, confirmed, married and buried in the Parish. It shall contain a list of all the communicants, of all families, and of individuals not thus included, belonging to the Parish, or regularly attending its services. A record of all collections made in the Church shall be kept.

SEC. 39. From this Register shall the annual parochial reports be made to the Council, under all the heads that may be required by the Council or Canons.

CANON V.*

SEC. 40. The Vestry shall report, annually, to the Council, by their Delegates, a full statement of their financial condition, according to general order of the Council. This statement shall contain the amount and value of their property and the net income of their Parish.

CANON VI.

SEC. 41. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to make a full exhibit to the Bishop, at the time of his annual visitation, if he shall so require, of all their affairs, and receive from him counsel and advice for the conduct of the affairs of the Parish.

CANON VII.

SEC. 42. The organization of a new Parish shall be forthwith notified to the Bishop, and, if approved by him, the Parish may elect a Rector, and send Delegates and apply for admission to the Council.

SEC. 43. But if the new Parish proposed to be organized be

*As amended (verbal changes) by the action of the Twenty-third Annua Council, 1895.

within the territorial bounds of any existing Parish, the Bishop shall notify the Rector and Wardens thereof, and if objections be made thereto, notice shall be given to both parties, and the Bishop, within thirty days thereafter, shall hear the same before the Standing Committee, and the decision of the Standing Committee, approved by the Bishop, shall determine the case. *Provided*, That no Parish within any city shall be divided for the purpose of forming a new and independent Parish, within its boundaries, except by express order of the Council.

CANON VIII.

SEC. 44. Congregations, Parishes, and the members thereof, shall never recognize any suspended Clergyman, otherwise than as declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

SEC. 45. If any Parish, or the members thereof, shall take part with a contumacious Clergyman, they shall forfeit their rights in the Council.

SEC. 46. All parochial property is held by a tenure subject to this rule.

SEC. 47. In case any Congregation should be so far forgetful of the honor of God's Church as to transgresss in this matter, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or of the Trustees of the General Fund, to proceed at once to recover all the Church's property in such contumacious Parish and to reduce it to the control of the Diocese.

SEC. 48. The organization of every Parish shall recognize this rule, and, if it be not expressed in the Articles of Association, their admission into union with the Council shall bind them to this law.

TITLE III.

OF CONVOCATIONS, DIOCESAN MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

CANON I.*

SEC. 49. The Bishop may divide the Diocese into Districts, naming the town in each District which shall be the center of a Missionary work; and every Clergyman in the Diocese of every Parish and Missionary Station, shall be assigned to one or the other of the Missionary centers.

SEC. 50. The Clergy and Laity of each District, when organized, shall constitute a Convocation, and have charge of the Missionary work in the field assigned by the Bishop.

SEC. 51. The Bishop shall appoint one of the Clergy in each District as Dean of Convocation. The Convocation shall elect a Secretary, who shall be a Clergyman, and a Treasurer, who shall be a Layman.

SEC. 52. The Convocation shall be governed by such rules as they shall adopt, with the Bishop's approval, and each shall report through its Dean to the Bishop annually.

SEC. 53. Every Parish shall, by its Vestry, appoint one Delegate to Convocation.

SEC. 54. In Missionary Stations, the Missionary in charge or Dean of Convocation shall appoint the Lay Delegate.

CANON II.

SEC. 55. All organized Mission Stations shall be under the control of the Bishop and Missionary Committee.

SEC. 56. All Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop.

SEC. 57. Missionary Stations duly organized shall report to the Annual Council the same as Parishes, and shall be entitled to send one Delegate, who shall have the right to debate, but not to vote.

*As amended by action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

CANON III.

SEC. 58. In any community where there are twelve baptized adults, one of whom shall be a male communicant, desirous of organizing a Missionary Station, they shall assemble themselves—their own Missionary being present, or, if they have no Missionary, any Clergyman of the Diocese being present and consenting—and adopt the following form of organization, affixing their signatures thereto, and sending a copy of the same to the Bishop of the Diocese for his approval:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Congregation, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

"Article I. This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of the ——— Mission.

"Article II. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article III. When any person uniting with this Association shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding Article, he shall cease to be a member of this Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privilege of voting in the election of officers, of being elected an officer, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; *but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.*

"Article IV. In this Mission, regular attendants at the services of the Church shall be entitled to vote for officers and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article V. The officers of this Association shall be:

The Minister in charge as President *ex-officio*; a Warden, who must be a male communicant, and appointed by the Minister; a Secretary and a Treasurer, elected by ballot annually the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as possible, due notice having been given of time and place of election.

"Article VI. The duties of these officers shall be the same as those of like officers in organized Parishes.

"Article VII. All lands, tenements, or other property, real or personal, of this Association, shall vest in the Bishop of the Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of the Mission.

"Article VIII. We promise to pay the sum of $—— per annum for the support of the Missionary whom the Bishop or Missionary Committee may send to us.

CANON IV.*

SEC. 59. The members of the Church in the Diocese are by their baptism, Missionary Society of the Diocese, and the Diocesan Council is the proper Board of Missions of the Diocese.

SEC. 60. The Diocesan Council shall sit as a Board of Missions at such times as the Council shall itself determine by its rules of order, or by special vote at any time.

SEC. 61. When the Council is not in session, the Missionary interests of the Diocese shall be cared for by a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, as President *ex officio*, the General Missionary, if there be one, and three Clergymen and three Laymen, to be elected annually by the Council, sitting as the Board of Missions.

SEC. 62. The Board of Managers shall have power to regulate all matters of Missionary work not ordered by the Council of the Diocese; *Provided*, That all appointments and removals of Missionaries shall be made by the Bishop alone, or, in his

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

absence, by the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and that no new Mission shall be opened, no old Mission abandoned, and no change made in the stipend of any particular Missionary, without the Bishop's consent.

SEC. 63. The Board of Missions shall be organized by the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, and its meetings shall be held not less than *four* times during the year.

SEC. 64. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall receive, hold and pay out funds subject to the order of the Board of Managers. His accounts shall be audited by the Council as a separate and distinct fund.

SEC. 65. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to make a report to the Board of Missions at the close of the year's work, reviewing the proceedings of the Board of Managers itself and the Missionary work of the Diocese.

SEC. 66. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions; *Provided*, however, That the General Missionary thus appointed shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a Priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings for new work.

TITLE IV.

OF VESTRIES AND WARDENS AND THEIR DUTIES, ETC.

CANON I.*

SEC. 67. Annually, at a meeting on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be, the members of the Parish entitled to vote shall elect from the male communicants of the Parish not less than three nor more than eleven Vestrymen, of whom the Rector or Minister shall appoint one as Senior Warden and the Vestry shall elect another as Junior Warden. *Provided*, That the congregation worshiping in the Cathedral Church may, on the Monday in Easter week, or as early thereafter as practicable, elect into a Chapter not less than three nor more than eleven male communicants to represent them, subject to the laws and regulations governing parochial representation; and *provided* further, that this qualification as to Vestrymen shall not affect the eligibility to future election of any person now serving as a Vestryman.

SEC. 68. Notice of the election shall be given on Easter Day, or at the service last preceding the election, after Morning Prayer, and the Congregation duly warned of the importance of the election.

SEC. 69. The Vestry elect shall meet within ten days thereafter, and organize by the election of the Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary. As soon as the offices are filled the Secretary and Treasurer, if not re-elected, shall pass over to their successors the books, papers, accounts and moneys in their hands. The Vestry shall then proceed to elect Delegates to represent the Parish in the next Council of the Diocese, and the Secretary of the Vestry, or the Rector, shall give the Delegates-elect certificates to that effect.

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SEC. 70. It is, in general, the duty of the Wardens and Vestrymen to consider and determine upon the election of a Minister when the Parish is vacant; to see that the Minister is well and properly supported, sufficiently and punctually paid; and together with the Rector, to make and execute all contracts for the erection of Church edifices, Rectories, and other Church buildings; to provide for their furnishing and repair and due preservation; to have and to hold all Church property as Trustees of the Parish, and as such generally to transact all temporal and financial business of the Parish.

SEC. 71. It is the special duty of the Wardens to see that the Church edifice be kept from unhallowed use; that it be kept clean and in good repair, duly lighted and warmed; to provide a sufficient supply of books and ecclesiastical vestments to be used in the public ministrations by the Minister, and to provide proper elements for the celebration of the Holy Communion and preserve due order during service.

SEC. 72. In the absence of the Rector the Wardens preside at Parish and Vestry meetings.

SEC. 73. In the absence of the Wardens their duties devolve on the Vestrymen.

SEC. 74. It is the duty of the Secretary to attend all the meetings of the Vestry, and to keep a record of all its proceedings.

SEC. 75. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Secretary all moneys collected under authority of the Vestry, giving his receipt therefor, and to pay them out on the order of the Vestry in the manner they shall provide. Two weeks before Easter, every year, the Treasurer shall present to the Vestry a full statement of his accounts, and the Vestry shall audit the same, and, if found correct, order the annual balance to be made up in accordance therewith.

SEC. 76. The Minister may call meetings of the Vestry whenever he shall desire, and shall call a meeting when requested by any two members of the Vestry, of which he shall give due notice; but meetings may be held at regular periods

by regulation of the Vestry. At every meeting the minutes in the former meeting shall be read and approved, or corrected and approved.

SEC. 77. It shall be the special duty of the Vestry, at the time of public service, or other meeting in the Church, to see that the Congregation is properly seated, and in the performance of this duty they shall give special attention to strangers.

CANON II.*

FORM FOR ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

SEC. 78. Hereafter all Parishes shall be organized by the adoption of the following form of organization:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Parish, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

"Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of 'The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of ——— Church.'

"Article 2. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by, the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article 3. When any person, uniting with this Association, shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding Article, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privileges of voting in the election of Vestrymen, of being elected a Vestryman, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the

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said Association; *but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.*

"Article 4. In this Parish all communicants of the Church, of lawful age, who are duly registered, shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen, and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article 5. The Vestrymen of ——— Church shall be elected annually, on the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as may be, by a majority of the voters assembled for that purpose, notice to that effect having been given publicly to the Congregation on the preceding Sunday. The Vestrymen so elected shall continue in office one year or until their successors are chosen.

"Article 6. The Rector of ——— Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting, which shall be duly convened for that purpose, they having due regard in all such elections to the previously ascertained wishes of the Congregation, and *especially* of the *communicants* of the Church.

"Article 7. No person shall be chosen Rector or Minister, or Associate Rector or Assistant Minister of ——— Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry in the same, unless he be recognized by the Bishop having charge of this Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the same, as an ordained Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in good standing. *Provided*, That nothing in this Article shall prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing, to officiate occasionally in the Church, or interfere with the performance of the usual services by the Lay readers, duly appointed to so officiate in the absence of the Rector or Minister.

"Article 8. The annual rents, contributions and other revenues raised by this Congregation, shall be applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister, and to such other objects as are connected

with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purpose whatever.

"Article 9. This Association, or the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose name the property of ——— Church may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, under his hand given, grant, alienate, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages or hereditaments, in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

"Article 10. In case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same place or vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present Church and Association.

"Article 11. This Canon is applicable to and binding on all Parishes now existing in the Diocese, and cannot be altered or amended except by the action of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas."

SEC. 79. Hereafter no organized Mission shall be admitted as a Parish into union with this Council until it shall have a Church building and can show positive evidence of its ability to contribute at least *four hundred dollars* per annum to the support of a Rector. And whenever a Parish shall no longer be able to contribute said amount for said purpose; or, no longer have enough male communicants to constitute a Vestry, the Bishop shall be authorized to remand said Parish to the condition of a Mission.

CANON III.

SEC. 80. Clergymen and Laymen shall exercise due care in signing the papers of candidates for the Ministry, and shall not sign, except on personal knowledge or reasonable evidence. And if any fraud or concealment may have been used to obtain certificates, the signers, on evidence of the facts, may revoke their recommendation. And if they shall rashly or unadvisedly, without due care and caution, or through favor, or with corrupt purpose, sign the recommendation of candldates, whereby unworthy or unfit persons may be admitted to the Ministry, whether they be Clergymen or Laymen, they shall be subject to Ecclesiastical censure.

TITLE V.*

TRIAL OF MINISTERS.

SEC. 81. Every Clergyman in this Diocese shall be liable to presentment and trial for the following offenses, to-wit:

First—Crime and immorality.

Second—Holding and teaching, publicly or privately, and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that expressly and generally set forth in the standards of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Third—Violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Arkansas.

Fourth—Any act that involves a breach of his ordination vows.

SEC. 82. If a minister of this Church shall be found guilty of any of the offenses enumerated in the forgoing section, he shall be admonished, suspended or degraded.

SEC. 83 In order to bring a Clergyman to trial a charge or

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charges, with specifications, shall be made to the Judiciary Committee, signed by at least two male communicants of the Church, affirming that the same is true, and that the accusers will make the charge or charges good. Should the Bishop have reason to believe that a Clergyman is guilty of any or all of the above named offenses, he shall notify the Standing Committee of the fact, and the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall at once proceed to an investigation of the case, and should they be convinced of the guilt of the Clergyman, they shall make the charges to the Judiciary Committee, affirming as above. Thereupon it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the committee to furnish the accused a copy of the charge, and require an answer to be filed thereto within thirty days from the date of the receipt of said copy. On the coming in of the answer, a copy of the same shall be furnished the parties making the charge, accompanied by a notice that all proof on the issue, of both parties, must be taken and filed with the Secretary within thirty days from the date of the notice, unless for good cause shown the time be extended by written order of the Bishop. All proof must be by deposition, taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths, and must be upon reasonable notice. Both parties have the right to be present at the taking of the depositions and to be represented by counsel.

When the taking of testimony is closed the committee shall consider the charges, and if two members of the same shall deem the charges clearly within the scope of the Canons, and sustained by the proof, it shall be so declared in writing, and they shall file all the papers in the case with the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

In case the accused is a member of the Standing Committee, the two remaining Clerical members shall choose a Priest of the Diocese to supply his place, and for the purposes of this trial the Priest so chosen shall be considered a member of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 84. On the receipt of the presentation and papers it

shall be the duty of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee to consider of the charge, and if in the opinion of at least two of said Clerical members, the charge be clearly within the scope of the Canons and sustained by the proof adduced, they shall cite the accused to appear before them, either in person or by representative, together with the Chancellor of the Diocese, and in their presence they shall select by lot seven Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet on a certain day after thirty days, at a certain place, within which the accused may reside. Immediately upon their selection, the accused shall strike off one name from the list of seven drawn; the Judge Advocate shall then strike off a second name; the accused shall strike off a third name; and lastly, the Judge Advocate shall strike off a fourth, and the three remaining shall constitute the Court. Should the accused refuse to exercise his right of striking off the names as proposed, then the members of the Standing Committee present shall draw by lot from the seven names first chosen, three to constitute the Court. In case the accused or his representative, should not appear, then the drawings should proceed without him. The court shall be judges both of law and fact.

SEC. 85. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Priest of this Diocese. The Standing Committee shall give the accused thirty days' notice of the time and place of trial, and shall also deliver to him at the same time, a copy of the charges preferred against him; and he shall not be required to answer to anything not contained in the presentment.

SEC. 86. At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the Court shall assemble at the place designated, and choose a President and Clerk from their own number; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted, if rules of Ecclesiastical trial have not already been set forth by authority. *Provided, however*, That all the evidence heard at the trial shall be reduced to writing

at the time it is given, and signed by the witness before he leaves the room.

SEC. 87. The accused shall be allowed counsel, whom he may choose from among the Priests of the Church, and he may also advise with a Lay communicant learned in the law. If the accused decline to choose counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for him from the Priests of the Diocese.

SEC. 88. If the accused shall not appear for trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended by the Bishop from the exercise of all Clerical functions for the space of three months. And if, in the three months, he shall not apply for trial, at any time afterwards, with the consent and advice of the Standing Committee, the Bishop may proceed to pronounce upon the recusant the sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

SEC. 89. But if, in the three months above named, the accused shall appear for trial, the Court may proceed on the presentment originally made, and shall adjudge him guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence. The Court shall render their verdict before separation; and if it shall be guilty, they shall designate the penalty or degree of censure, which, in their judgment, ought to be pronounced against him; which the Bishop may not exceed, though he may modify it.

Immediately upon rendering the verdict, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court to notify the Bishop of the action of the Court, delivering to him all the pleadings and evidence in the case; and he shall, at the end of ten days, pronounce sentence, unless the condemned has appealed to him from the verdict of the Court. In case of appeal, the Bishop shall give notice to both the Judge Advocate and the accused, that on a day fixed he will hear the case on appeal. At such hearing the accused shall have the right to be represented by a Lay communicant learned in the law, and the Bishop may call two of the neighboring Diocesans, who shall sit with him at the hearing, to assist him in arriving at a correct determination.

SEC. 90 The Clerk of such Ecclesiastial Court shall keep a record of all the proceedings, which shall contain a copy of the presentment, the specifications under particular charges, the notice to the accused, his answer, his plea or pleas, a clear statement of the evidence for and against, both oral and written, and the judgment of the Court. An attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop.

SEC. 91. On hearing the case on appeal, the Bishop, or the Bishop and his Assessors, shall confirm the decision of the Court, and at once pronounce sentence; or, order a new trial, stating in order the reason and grounds of such decision, in which case a new Court shall be formed, after the same manner as before; or, reverse the decision of the Court, according to the finding in the case, and shall declare him innocent accordingly. When the sentence of the Court is less than deposition, the Bishop may, for reasons satisfactory to him, reprieve or wholly pardon the condemned.

SEC. 92. Every summons, notice or citation, mentioned in the proceedings, shall be deemed to be duly served by the delivery of a written notice to the person to be summoned, notified or cited, or by leaving it or a certified copy at his residence or last known residence by a person duly appointed in writing by the Standing Committee or Court, as the case may require. Depositions must be taken according to the rules of law.

SEC. 93. The Court may adjourn from day to day or to a day certain, for the purpose of allowing parties to obtain evidence that they may affirm to be necessary to the maintenance of their cause; but to obtain a postponement of trial for more than three days, the party making the motion shall solemnly affirm that such postponement is sought, not for delay, but that justice may be done, and that he expects thereby to obtain evidence which is material to his cause, and which he cannot now produce.

SEC. 94. Suspensions from the exercise of the functions of

the Ministry shall, *ipso facto*, sever the connection between a Clergyman and his Parish.

SEC. 95. If any Clergyman shall be contumacious when suspended, and attempt to perform any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry, the Bishop shall at once cite him before the Standing Committee; and, if the alleged facts be admitted or proven by sufficient evidence, on having been duly cited, such suspended Clergyman shall not appear or give reasons for not appearing, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may proceed at once to pronounce upon said recusant the grave sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

SEC 96. No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto in the manner provided in this Canon.

SEC. 97. If an accused Clergyman shall, to avoid notice or citation, remove himself out of the Diocese, he may be duly served with all notices by publication in some newspaper published at the Capital of the State, or the Church newspaper which the Bishop shall have adopted as the official organ of the Diocese.

SEC. 98. If there shall be a necessity for the trial of a Clergyman, at any time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all the acts assigned by this Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SEC. 99. Any resort to a civil court, on the part of the accused, for the purpose of impeding, delaying, or avoiding trial, shall be treated as contumacy, and shall be sufficient cause to suspend such Clergyman from the exercise of the Ministry for contumacy, until he shall appear and demand a trial.

SEC. 100. No Clergyman under trial, or suspension, or against whom charges have been presented by the Standing Committee, can be transferred to any other Diocese, or be received therefrom. And if charges are made against a Clergyman who has already obtained Letters Dimissory, said charges

shall be sent to the Diocese to which the letters were taken, within six months after the date of said letters, and not later. And if such letters have not been presented and received at the time, the party shall be remanded to his Diocese for trial, and his Letters Dimissory thereby revoked.

SEC. 101. All rights, claims and privileges, which any Clergyman may enjoy, or have a right to enjoy or receive, in the Diocese, by virtue of her general law, or by particular Canon, are, by the sentence of suspension or deposition, *ipso facto*, forfeited and rendered void; and every Clergyman shall hold his Ecclesiastical rights subject to this tenure.

TITLE VI.*

OF THE AMENDMENT OF CANONS.

SEC. 102. No Canon or part of Canon can be amended except in the following manner: Any proposed amendment shall, after being introduced at any Council, lie over until a succeeding Council for final action, and must then receive a two-thirds vote. *Provided*, That any regular Council shall have power to amend any Canon by unanimous consent.

*Added by action of the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

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Notice.

The form of Parochial Reports has been amended by inserting after the words "No. of Baptized Persons," the words, "ON THE PARISH REGISTER."

Also, the word "Actual" before the word "Communicants" has been stricken out, and the item has been ordered to read: "NO. OF PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMUNICATED DURING THE PAST YEAR."

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EPISCOPATE FUND, on Septuagesima Sunday, or on Easter Day.

AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY, and WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE, on National Thanksgiving Day.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, on the first Sunday in Advent.

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ARKANSAS CITY, Mission.

BATESVILLE, St. Paul's—Mr. H. S. Coleman.

BRINKLEY, Mission—Dr. W. W. Smale.

CAMDEN, St. John's—Mr. Joseph A. Reeves.

CENTER POINT, Mission.

DARDANELLE, St. Paul's.

EUREKA SPRINGS, St. James'.

FAYETTEVILLE, St. Paul's.

FORREST CITY, Church of the Good Shepherd—Mr. John Gatling.

FORT SMITH, St. John's.

HELENA, St. John's—S. S. Faulkner, C. H. Purvis, Dr. H. M. Grant.

HOPE, St. Mark's—M. H. Barlow.

HOT SPRINGS, St. Luke's.

LAKE VILLAGE, Emmanuel.

LITTLE ROCK, Trinity Cathedral—C. D. Heming, Arthur F. Adams, W. G. Whipple.

LITTLE ROCK, Christ Church—Harry K. Cochran, W. Fulton Knight, Charles T. Coffman.

LITTLE ROCK, St. Philip's—Samuel Spight.

MAMMOTH SPRINGS, St. Andrew's.

MARIANNA, St. Andrew's - John M. Daggett.

MORRILTON, St. Agnes'.

NASHVILLE, Church of the Redeemer.

NEWPORT, St. Paul's Gustave Jones.

OGAMAW, Mission.

PINE BLUFF, Trinity Church—Messrs. Day Mills and R. W. Sherwood.

PRESCOTT, St. James'.

RICHMOND, Mission.

ROCKY COMFORT, Mission.

VAN BUREN, Trinity Church.

WASHINGTON, Grace.

WINSLOW, Mission.

RECTORIES.

The following Parishes have Rectories:

St. Paul's	Batesville	Trinity	Van Buren
St. Paul's	Dardanelle	St. John's	Camden
St. John's	Fort Smith	St. Paul's	Fayetteville
Trinity Cathedral	Little Rock	St. John's	Helena
Christ Church	Little Rock	St. Paul's	Newport
St. Philip's	Little Rock	Trinity	Pine Bluff
St. Andrew's	Mammoth Spring	Grace	Washington
St. Agnes' Church	Morrilton		

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FIRST DAY.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas met at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on Thursday, May 7, 1896.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. John Gass, rector of Christ Church, at 10:30 o'clock, and the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., and Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Dean of the Cethedral.

In place of the sermon, the Bishop delivered his annual address.

After the service, the Council was called to order by the Bishop. The office of Secretary being vacant, by the removal of Rev. William J. Miller from the Diocese, the Bishop appointed John M. Daggett temporary Secretary.

On call of the roll of clergy, the following answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D.,

Rev. W. T. Allen,	Rev. D. I. Hobbs,
Rev. John Gass,	Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,
Rev. James W. Keeble,	Rev. C. H. Lockwood,
Rev. A. W. Pierce,	Rev. James J. Vaulx,
Rev. E. J. Williams,	Rev. I. P. Daniels.

The Bishop appointed Revs. W. T. Allen and E. J. Williams a Committee on Credentials, who reported that the following parishes had paid their Councillar assessments, and presented certificates of their lay delegates in proper form, and were entitled to representation, to wit:

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Little Rock—Messrs. P. K. Roots, A. F. Adams, C. D. Heming. Alternates—Col. W. G. Whipple, C. H. Kennedy and John R. Hughes.

ST. JOHN'S, Helena—Messrs. Hector M. Grant, Samuel S. Faulkner, Charles H. Purvis. Alternates—Charles L. Moore, Jerome B. Pillow and Greenfield Quarles.

ST. PAUL'S, Batesville—Messrs. H. S. Coleman, J. C. Fitzhugh and J. F. Martin.

ST. MARK'S, Hope—Mr. M. H. Barlow.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, Forrest City—Messrs. Edwin Landvoigt, Walter Gorman and John Gatling. Alternates—E. L. Vadakin, Ellis Turley and Harry Knight.

ST. ANDREW'S, Marianna—Messrs. J. P. Dunham, John M. Daggett and Joseph Rankin. Alternates—W. G. Barnes, D. S. Clark and F. N. Bourke.

ST. JOHN'S, Camden—Messrs. Caleb A. Stone, Joseph A. Reeves and H. G. Smith. Alternates—James R. Young, Reece Lockett and P. Lynch Lee.

The Secretary called the roll of lay delegates, and the following were found present:

A. F. Adams,	C. D. Heming,	Col. W. G. Whipple,
Dr. H. M. Grant,	S. S. Faulkner,	Chas. H. Purvis,
Col. H. S. Coleman,	M. H. Barlow,	John M. Daggett,
Jos. A. Reeves,		

The committee further reported that Christ Church, Little Rock, had paid its assessment of $125, and had certified its lay delegates in proper form, to wit: John W. Goodwin, Harry K. Cochran, W. Fulton Wright; alternates, Charles T. Coffman, Arthur Van Etten and Dr. William A. Cantrell, but was, under the canon, not entitled to representation on account of an unpaid balance of $96.50 on a former assessment.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Lockwood, the balance of $96.50 was remitted by unanimous vote of the Council, and Christ Church parish being in good standing, the Secretary called the roll of lay delegates, and Harry K. Cochran answered to his name.

On motion of Rev. R. S. James, the temporary Secretary was unanimously elected permanent Secretary of the Council.

On motion, a recess was taken until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL,
THURSDAY, May 7, 1896, 3 P. M.

Council reassembled, and was called to order by the Bishop.

Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., rector of St. Agnes Church, Morrillton, who was not present at the morning session, answered to his name.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following parishes and missions had paid their assessments and presented certificates of lay delegates in proper form, and were entitled to representation:

ST. PAUL'S, Newport—Messrs. Robert B. Fowler, Gustave Jones, Elbert L. Watson. Alternates—John T. Flynn, Henry A. Ridley, Board B. Bond.

ST. PAUL'S, Fayetteville—Messrs. W. B. Welch, M. D.; Frank Hill and R. V. McCracken.

ST. AGNES, Morrilton—Messrs. W. M. Scarborough, Jas. A. Scarborough and W. E. De Long. Alternates—Wm. N. Sandlin, Clarence Cullens and Wm. Ashley.

ST. PHILLIP'S, Little Rock—Messrs. Samuel Spight, Edwin F. Horne and Bufford Warren.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION, Brinkley—Dr. W. W. Smale, lay delegate.

Roll of lay delegates was called and the following who were not present at the morning session answered to their names.

W. Fulton Wright, Charles T. Coffman,
John Gatling, Gustave Jones,
Dr. W. W. Smale.

The Standing Committee submitted their report.

The Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, Mr. S. S. Faulkner, submitted his report, which with the accompanying vouchers and documents was referred to the auditing committee.

The Council proceeded to the election of a Registrar of the Diocese, and Mr. Arthur F. Adams was unanimously elected.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Lockwood the Registrar was authorized and instructed to procure such assistance as he might deem necessary to collect and arrange the property of the Diocese pertaining to his office and provide a place for its safe keeping at the expense of the Council.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee and deputies to the General Convention and to fill vacancies.

The Bishop appointed tellers and the ballot for standing committee resulted in the following election:

Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Rev. John Gass, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Mr. P. K. Roots and Mr. W. Fulton Wright.

Rev. John Gass was unanimously elected Trustee of the University of the South, to fill the vacancy caused by removal of Rev. John Davis from the Diocese.

The Bishop appointed clerical and lay tellers and the ballots resulted in the election of the following deputies to the General Convention:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. C. H. Lockwood,	Dr. H. M. Grant,
Rev. J. J. Vaulx,	Mr. Gustave Jones,
Rev. R. S. James, D. D.,	Mr. J. A. Reeves,
Rev. D. I. Hobbs.	Mr. John Gatling.

Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention.

(In the Order of Election.)

Rev. James W. Keeble,	Dr. W. W. Smale,

Rev. John Gass, Mr. M. H. Barlow,
Rev. W. T. Allen, Mr. C. T. Coffman,
Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D. Mr. John M. Daggett.

Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. John Gatling, Mr. Gustave Jones,

Voted that the sessions of the Council be held from 9 to 11:30 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.

Voted that the special order for the second day of the session—the subject of the election of a Bishop Coadjutor—be set for 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Gustave Jones was granted leave of absence for to-morrow.

Voted that the session of the Board of Missions be set for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL,
LITTLE ROCK, FRIDAY, May 8, 1896.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. D. B. Ramsey, assisted by Rev. John Gass.

After the celebration, the Council was called to order by the Bishop, and, on call of the roll of the clergy, the following who were not present yesterday answered to their names: Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Camden; Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, Pine Bluff.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

Your committee begs leave to report that they have examined the credentials of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, and find them in due form, and $21 of the $31 Dioscesan assessment paid. The committee recommend that the $10 be remitted, as they are unable to raise it, and that the delegates—Day Mills, Robert W. Sherwood, A. N. Smith—be admitted to seats in this Council, and that the Secretary call the roll.

The report of the committee was adopted.

On call of the roll of lay delegates, the following, who were not present on yesterday, answered to their names: Day Mills, Robert W. Sherwood, Samuel Spight.

The Bishop announced the following standing committees of the Council:

WAYS AND MEANS—Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D.; C. T. Coffman, H. S. Coleman.

NEW PARISHES—Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Charles H. Purvis, M. H. Barlow.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—Rev. John Gass, Rev. C. E. Cabaniss, Rev. J. W. Keeble, Rev. R. S. James, Dr. H. M. Grant, H. K. Cochran and C. D. Heming.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—J. A. Reeves, Arthur F. Adams.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Rev. E. J. Williams, Dr. W. W. Smale, John M. Daggett.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS—Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. A. W. Pierce, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, W. G. Whipple, S. S. Faulkner, John Gatling, Gustave Jones.

The Parochial Reports and the Bishop's Address were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The hour of 10 a. m. having arrived, the Council went into session as the Board of Missions.

Rev. W. T. Allen read the report of the Board of Managers, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions begs leave to make the following report:

It has held meetings on the 13th of May, 1895; November 12, 1895; February 5, 1896, and May 6, 1896. Its appropriations were as follows: Rev. R. S. James, D. D., $100; Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., $100; Rev. E. J. Williams, $100; Forrest City, Marianna and Brinkley, $100. As no pledges were made at the Council, the Board instructed the Secretary to send the following letter to the various ministers of the Diocese:

"The appropriations and expenses for the coming year will amount to at least $600. Inasmuch as there were no pledges made at the last Council by the several parishes and mission stations for Diocesan Missions, may we expect you to raise the same amount you gave last year? We would urge that the amount be increased, if possible, as there are several new points asking assistance and we are anxious to grant the same. Please write the Secretary of the Board, stating definitely the amount you will pledge, before August 1, the date of our next meeting."

The Secretary received the following replies, in substance: Rev. John Gass: "Cannot say definitely what we will do, but we will do all we possibly can, and I hope that will be much." Rev. E. J. Williams, Mammoth Spring: "You may depend upon between $12 and $15 at least from this Parish, and it certainly will not be less than $12, and as much more as we can make it." Rev. D. B. Ramsey: "St, John's, Camden, will (D. V.) send $60 during the counciliar year to the Treasurer for Diocesan Missions." Rev. W. J. Miller: "I hope fully as well as last year." Rev. A. W. Pierce: "With regard to my field, you can count on as much as last year, and probably 25 per cent more." Rev. C. H. Lockwood: "Will try to do as well as last year." Dean Davis: "Trinity Cathedral will try to raise same as last year." Rev. Keeble: "Will try to do what we can and try to do better than last year." Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter would try to raise $20 at Morrilton. Rev. W. T. Allen: "Fort Smith will try to raise $95, but don't know." Revs. Vaulx and Flowers not yet heard from.

The Board is sorry to have to report that the amount raised this year is not as much as last year by $97. A part of this may be due to the long-continued financial depression, but the Board feels, with deep concern, that it has not succeeded in arousing the enthusiasm of the Diocese. It may be owing in part to the fact that the attention of the laity has not been sufficiently drawn to the very small portion of the Diocese that is occupied by the Church, and the pressing and instant need of funds to put missionaries in the field. Little or no aggressive work has been done, except in Helena Convocation. We have only held the ground already occupied. From whatever cause, it is heart-rending to compare the apparent apathy of the Church with the burning zeal of the religious bodies around us, who are preoccupying every hamlet and cross-roads, almost. The Methodists alone, as we ere informed, number 300 preachers and 100,000 members in the State, as against fourteen Episcopal clergymen and 2,400 communicants. It is needless to say that ground lost now can rarely be regained. At many of the places we are losing families every year, who are going off to

some one of the other religious bodies in despair of getting the Church's services. The Board begs leave to suggest to the Board of Missions that, in view of the poor attendance at the Board meeting during the past year, no one be elected as a member of the Board of Managers who cannot or will not attend its meetings regularly, as their absence causes lack of interest in the Board throughout the Diocese, and precludes consultation as to the wisest methods of arousing that interest and missionary zeal which would be fruitful of more liberal missionary offerings and more energetic work. With the same object in view, the Board further agreed to recommend to the Board of Missions the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of changing its official organ, *Our Diocese*, from a quarterly to a monthly paper and making it distinctively a subscription paper, since a quarterly paper, in this Board's estimation, fails to keep alive, much less increase, interest in the mission field, and that this committee report at its earliest convenience. The board reports a total of $583.73 collected for the year and $500.40 expended, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, including balance brought forward, of $382.91.

In conclusion, we wish to record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and to the clergy and laity, as instruments in his hands, for what has been accomplished, and we pray that God may kindle in the hearts of both clergy and laity such a flame of sacred love to our common Father and his children who are wandering in the night of unbelief and sadness that it shall send us forward to larger gifts and more strenuous efforts to lighten their darkness with the blessings of his Church, so that this coming year may see new temples erected to his glory and worship and more missionaries in the field, which is white to the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. ALLEN,
Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Board Mr. Arthur F. Adams submitted his report.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSION.

LITTLE ROCK, May 5, 1896.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions for the year ending May 7, 1896.

Balance from former year		$299 58
RECEIVED		
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	$ 6 65	
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	11 35	
St. Paul's, Newport	3 00	

St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	7 30	
St. Paul's, Batesville	4 25	
Christ Church, Little Rock	124 93	
St. John's, Fort Smith	82 00	
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	50 00	
St. Andrew's, Marriana	21 20	
St. Agnes', Morrilton	20 00	
St. John's, Helena	118 55	
Subscriptions to Missionary	4 50	
St. John's, Camden	60 00	
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	13 25	
Grace Church, Washington	12 45	
St. Mark's, Hope	14 50	
St. Luke's, Brinkley	5 00	
St. Mark's Mission, Jonesboro	2 75	
Trinity, Pine Bluff	10 00	
St. James', Eureka Springs	10 00	
St. Phillip's, Little Rock	2 05	
Total for the year	$583 73	$583 73
		$883 31

EXPENDED

Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter	$125 00	
Rev. R. S. James	125 00	
Rev. E. J. Williams	125 00	
Rev. Jno. Davis	12 25	
For Printing *Missionary*	35 50	
Mailing *Missionary*	6 00	
Freight paid on box of books from Hot Springs	2 15	
Rt. Rev. Bishop Pierce for Dardanelle	50 00	
Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expense	19 50	
	$500 40	$500 40
Balance in hands Treasurer		$382 91

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. ADAMS,

Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. John Gass, that part of the report of the Board of Managers relating to the Parochial paper was referred to a special committee of six.

The Bishop appointed Rev. John Gass, Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. A. W. Pierce, Col. W. G. Whipple, Day Mills and J. A. Reeves.

After short addresses by Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. J. J. Vaulx and Rev. John Gass, Deans of the several Convocations, the Bishop and Rev. Dr. James, the Board proceeded to the election of a Board of Managers.

The Bishop appointed tellers, and the ballots resulted in the election of the following: Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. John Gass, Rev. W. T. Allen, Mr. Joseph A. Reeves, Mr. Arthur F. Adams and Mr. Chas. H. Purvis.

Mr. Samuel A. Haines, of Indianapolis, member of the Council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, for Indiana was by a rising vote of the Board, welcomed to a seat on the floor.

Rev. D. I Hobbs introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That as Clergymen, commissioned to carry the Church of God to all who need her ministrations, we do pledge ourselves to give at least one service each month to some point beyond the limits of our own Parish, and we do earnestly ask the hearty support of the Laity.

The resolution, though its spirit was heartily approved by the Board, being out of order, was laid upon the table.

On motion, the Board of Missions took a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Diocesan Council resumed its session.

Col. W. G. Whipple introduced the following amendment to the Constitution:

Article VII. The Church edifice known as Trinity Cathedral shall be and remain the Cathedral Church of the Diocese forever.

Change the number of "Article VII" to "Article VIII."

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Council took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL,
FRIDAY, May 8, 2 P. M.

The special order for this hour being the subject of the election of a Bishop coadjutor.

On motion of Rev. J. J. Vaulx, for free and full discussion of the subject, the Council went into committee of the whole, John Gatling in the chair.

A resolution was introduced by Rev. Dr. James, which, after full discussion and amendment, was adopted; when the committee arose and reported the same to the Council, as follows:

Resolved, That, owing to the incomplete state of the Episcopate Fund, the election of a Bishop Coadjutor be postponed for the present, and that the Bishop be requested to call a special Council so soon as, in his judgment, and in that of the Standing Committee, the finances of the Diocese shall justify the election.

A call for a vote by orders on this resolution was sustained, which resulted as follows:

Clerical—Yeas, 10; nays, 2. Lay—Yeas, 5; nays, 5.

The resolution was lost.

Col. W. G. Whipple moved that the Council proceed to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor.

Rev. D. B. Ramsey raised the point of order of no quorum, under Canon V, Title I.

The Secretary announced that the necessary two-thirds of the clergy were present, and, on a call of the roll of the parishes, it appeared that there were twenty parishes in the Diocese, and that there were present lay delegates from ten parishes.

The Bishop held that the point of order was not well taken—the lay delegate from St. Paul's (Newport) hav-

ing been admitted, and the parish represented at the Council, though the delegate was not present, having been by the Council excused for the day.

An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, and the Chair was sustained.

A call for a vote by orders on the motion was sustained, and the vote resulted as follows:

Clerical—Yeas, 1; nays, 11. Lay—Yeas, 4; nays, 6.

The motion was lost.

Rev. W. T. Allen introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, First. That the Bishop call a special Council for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Arkansas, when in his judgment the financial condition of the Diocese shall justify it.

Second. That a committee of two clergymen and three laymen be appointed to devise and report to this Council the best method of raising the Episcopate Fund to an amount sufficient to warrant the election of a Bishop Coadjutor.

Third. That every clergyman in the Diocese be requested to lay the urgent necessity of this fund before his congregation.

The resolutions were adopted and the committee under the second resolution was appointed as follows:

Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. D. I. Hobbs,
Mr. A. F. Adams, Mr. S. S. Faulkner,
Mr. H. K. Cochran.

On motion the Council adjourned till tomorrow at 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL,
SATURDAY, May 9, 1896.

Council convened at the Cathedral pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Bishop.

Roll call was dispensed with by vote of the Council.

Committe on credentials reported that they had examined the credentials of lay delegates from St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, and found them regular; that $40 of the assessment had been paid and that the remaining $13 would be sent to the Treasurer and they recommend the lay delegates E. F. Furner, Jas. H. Foster, M. D., John Archer; alternates—Wm. M. Mellette, Isaac Hammonds, J. H. Hambleton be admitted to seats in the Council.

The report was adopted and on call of the roll of lay delegates J. F. Martin not heretofore present answered to his name.

Col. Whipple for Maj. P. K. Roots as Treasurer of the Diocese and as Treasurer of the fund for disabled clergy submitteed his reports which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Rev. D. I. Hobbs rose to a question of personal privilege and begged leave of the Council to withdraw any and all words spoken by him on yesterday in the heat of debate under influence of his earnestness and zeal in the subject then under discusion which had or might be construed to have broken the harmony and good feeling that existed in the council.

Rev. D. B. Ramsey on question of personal privilege said that he had in the debate on yesterday used the word

"slur" when the idea he intended to express was no stronger than "a reflection" and as amends had been made to the person aggrieved he hoped the council would attribute the intensity of the language used to the intensity of the speaker's "phosphorescence."

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report:

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Council:

The Committee on Auditing hereby report that they have examined and checked the accounts of the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund and of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and of the Board of Missions and Treasurer of the Fund for disabled Clergy and find them correct.

J. A. RERVES,
A. F. ADAMS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons submitted the following report:

Resolved, That the Constitution be amended as follows:

Article 7. OF THE CATHEDRAL—The parish known as Trinity Cathedral Parish of Little Rock shall be and remain the Cathedral Parish.

Change the number of Article 7 to Article 8.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary was directed to publish the proposed amendment, and notify the parishes of the same, as required by the Constitution.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted their report.

The Council resumed its session as a Board of Missions pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the Diocesan Paper submitted the following report:

Resolved, That the whole subject of the paper be referred to the Board of Managers, with power to act.

The report was adopted.

At the request of the Board of Managers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be authorized to expend such sums from the Missionary Fund as, in their judgment, may be necessary for the publication of the "Arkansas Missionary."

The Board of Missions arose, and the Council resumed its session.

The Special Committee on Increase of the Episcopate Fund submitted their report.

Col. W. G. Whipple moved the following substitute:

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPATE FUND.

Resolved, That this Council proceed to increase the Episcopate Fund by adding thereto the sum of about fifteen thousand dollars, in the general manner following:

That a committee, to carry out the plan be chosen by this Council, to consist of three, to be known as the Standing Committee on the Episcopate Fund, the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund to be Chairman of the said committee.

The said committee proceed at once to raise said fund by cash, or by means of the promissory notes of the Church people and friends of the Church, said notes to be payable on or before five years from date, and to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from date until paid, interest payable annually.

That the amount of said notes shall be by said committee apportioned to the people in each Parish and Mission according to the best judgment of said committee, having in view in making said apportionment the number of communicants, the comparative means of the people, and the annual revenues of the Parish or Mission.

It being understood that this general plan may be varied in the discretion of said committee in individual cases to meet the circumstances of the case.

That all expenses of said committee necessarily incurred for postage and printing be paid out of the Episcopate Fund.

That when said committee shall have completed their work, and from time to time in their discretion, they shall report to the Bishop.

Pending discussion, the Council took a recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL,
SATURDAY, May 9, 2 p. m.

Council assembled and was called to order by the Bishop.

The substitute offered by Colonel Whipple was lost.

Mr. A. F. Adams offered the following as a substitute for the report of the committee:

That an assessment of $1,800 be made upon the Diocese for the ensuing year, divided, *pro rata*, among the communicants of the Diocese, and in proportion to the number of communicants in each Parish and Mission, to be collected between the 1st of June and 1st of January next and paid over as collected to the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund. Also, that a committee of three—one clergyman and two laymen, of which the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund shall be chairman—be elected by the Council, with full power to raise and collect, by voluntary subscription or otherwise, the amount of $20,000, or as much thereof as may be possible, the subscriptions so raised to be turned over as collected to the Trustee and the lists, accompanied by the cash or receipts of the Trustee, to be reported to the next Council, and that said committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Diocese for the necessary expenses incident thereto.

The Council took a recess for an hour, which was devoted to the Woman's Auxiliary.

On reassembling of the Council, the substitute of Mr. Adams was lost.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, the same, after some slight amendments, was adopted, as follows:

That an assessment of $20,000 be made upon the Parishes and Missions, to be divided *pro rata*, according to the number of communicants, between each Parish and Mission, and that the same be apportioned according to the reports made to the Twenty-fourth Annual Council.

The collection of this assessment shall be placed in the hands of a committee of three, of which the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund shall

be chairman, and two laymen, elected by this Council, who shall determine as to the manner of securing the payment of the assessment, after fully discussing the plan with the rectors and vestries or members of the Parishes and Missions. Said committee to have plenary power to raise and collect the amount assessed.

Mr. C. H. Purvis and Mr. W. H. Ragland were elected members of the committee, and the committee was empowered to fill vacancies.

Rev. W. T. Allen offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due, and are hereby tendered to the Bishop, to the Dean, Chapter and congregation of Trinity Cathedral, and to the rector, wardens, vestry and congregagation of Christ Church, Little Rock, for the gracious, generous and considerate hospitality shown to the members of this Council, and to the ladies who accompanied them.

Rev. W. T. Allen introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Council hereby testifies its grateful appreciation of the valuable services of Rev. W. J. Miller as Secretary of this Diocese, and its serious regret at his departure therefrom.

Resolved further, That we bid him God-speed in his new field of labor.

Mr. C. H. Purvis introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Council tender to Mr. S. A. Haines, Council member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, their warmest thanks for his address of last evening, and the assurance of their hearty appreciation.

Rev. Dr. James introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Logan H. Roots for the delightful trolley ride with which she favored them on the evening of the second day of this session.

Rev. Charles E. Cabaniss moved the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the Secretary of this Council for his very efficient services as such,

and that the Treasurer of the Diocese be and is hereby authorized to hand him the usual honorarium of $50.00.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be and is hereby authorized to pay the sexton of Trinity Cathedral $5.00 for extra services during this session of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Council hereby directs the Treasurer of the Diocese, after paying costs of printing and distributing the Journal, and paying the assessment of the General Convocation, to transfer to the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund whatever, if any, Diocesan Funds are remaining in his hands, excepting and reserving only $50.00 for incidental expenses, and such additional amount as the President of the Standing Committee may estimate will be required for clerical members attending meetings of such committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the expenses of the Episcopate Fund Committee for postage and printing be paid out of the Episcopate fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the Secretary be ordered to have 500 copies of the Journal of this council printed and distributed in the usual manner.

The council then proceeded to the election of the remaining elective officers and

Mr. S. S. Faulkner was unanimously elected Trustee of the Episcopate Fund.

Mr. P. K. Roots was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Diocese and also as Treasurer of the Fund for Disabled Clergy.

The committee on ways and means submitted their report which was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Vaulx introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to prepare a form for the report required by Canon V, Title II and send copies to the several vestries so that the Canon may be complied with.

Rev. A. W. Pierce introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

***Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Council be directed to collect from the previous jurnals all standing resolutions and publish them together in all future journals, with all new ones of like kind which may be passed.**

The following resolution was adopted:

***Resolved*, That the next Council shall meet the first Wednesday in May, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.**

The motion of Rev. D. B. Ramsey to abolish the Council sermon was lost.

The Rev. D. B. Ramsey was elected to preach the next council sermon, and Rev. John Gass was elected alternate.

The Chancellor, appointed a committee of one at the last Council to report form for incorporation of the Diocese under the laws of the State of Arkansas, reported that, in his judgment, incorporation at the present time was inexpedient, and asked to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

The report was adopted.

The Council adjourned until after evening service tomorrow.

FOURTH DAY.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LILTTE ROCK,
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 1896.

The Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment.

The evening prayer was said by Rev. W. T. Allen.

The sermon was an address to men, by Mr. Samuel A. Haines, of Indiana.

Immediately after the service the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that the amendments to the Constitution made at the last Council, and regularly printed and notified to the several Parishes by the Secretary, had not been adopted by the Council. They were as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

1. Change title to read: "Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Arkansas." Adopted.

2. Change preamble to read: "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas," etc. Adopted.

3. Also change fourth line of preamble to read: "To which Constitution and Canons this Diocese hereby accedes," instead of "this Church." Adopted.

Article II. Change seventh line to read: "Chosen by the Vestry for that purpose, from among the male communicants of each congregation; or, in case of organized missions, to be appointed by the minister in charge." Adopted.

Article II. Change second paragragh to read: "The Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall, *ex officio*, be entitled to seats in the Council, with privilege of debate, but shall have no vote as such." Adopted.

Article II. Change third line in third paragraph to read: "May require action *by* the Diocese." Adopted.

Article II. Change third paragraph, fourth line to read: "Diocese," instead of "whole Church." Adopted.

Article III. Change to read as follows: "In the Diocese of Arkansas, all parishes, missions and congregations shall be organized in conformity with the canon relating thereto, and no parish shall have an organic existence or corporate life in said Diocese unless acknowledged by the Council and approved by the Bishop." Adopted.

Article IV. The committee recommended that Article IV be amended by striking out the first clause, so that article will begin: "The Council," etc. Adopted.

Article IV. Change first line to read "*or* resolution," instead of "*and* resolution." Adopted.

Article VI. Change second line to read "any *congregation*, instead of "any *church*." Adopted.

The resolution fixing the first Wednesday in May next as the day of meeting of the next Council was reconsidered, and, on motion, it was voted that the next session of this Council be held at 11 o'clock a. m. on the first Friday of May, 1897, at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

There being no further business, the Bishop expressed his satisfaction and gratification with the work of the Council and the outlook for the Diocese, and pronounced the benediction, when the Council, on motion, adjourned.

HENRY NILES PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I cordially welcome you to your seats in the Twenty-fourth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas. I am rejoiced to say that death has made no inroads on our lines within the past conciliar year. In our clerical ranks we have had changes, but none have passed from us to the world unseen. The Rev. John Davis has been transferred by letters dimissory to the Diocese of Tokio, Japan, where, as a professor in the college, he has found congenial work, for which he is unusually well fitted. The vacancy made by his removal has been well filled by the Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, received on letters dimissory from the Diocese of Indiana, who entered on his duties as Dean of Trinity Cathedral on the 1st of November, 1895. Another loss to our clerical staff will soon be felt by me and by the whole Diocese. The Rev. William J. Miller, rector of St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, whose residence in this Diocese is for length of time second only to that of the rector of St. Paul's, Fayetteville, has accepted a call to Clarksville, Tenn., and will soon ask for his letters dimissory to that Diocese. He has done a noble work at Hot Springs. The new, substantial, beautifully finished and furnished St. Luke's is a monument commemorative of his long, faithful and efficient labors there. As to his work as Diocesan Secretary, and in many other ways for the Church in Arkansas, I need say nothing to this body. You well know and appreciate

what he has done for this Diocese, and you, with me, will not soon cease to regret his deeply felt loss. May God send to that important parish a pastor, and to this Diocese a laborer as true and efficient as he has proved himself to be.

The only other clerical change in the Diocese during the past conciliar year has been the removal of the Rev. E. J. Williams from St. Andrew's Parish, Mammoth Spring, to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, having under his charge, also, St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley. This change took place in August last. This field has greatly prospered under his hand. To these changes may be properly added one of another kind. The Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, formerly Deacon in charge of St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, was, on the 25th day of January, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, ordered priest in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

As to the Diocese at large, I am glad to say that the year past has been one of decided progress. The Cathedral Parish at Little Rock has made great advances. Under the energetic pastorate of Dean Hobbs, the congregation has steadily increased. A few more years of equal advancement will make the Cathedral what it was designed to be—not only a strong parish, but a grand center of missionary work, both for the city of Little Rock and for a large territory more or less distant from the capital city of the State. As this center becomes stronger, its influence for good will become more widely extended. Keeping pace with the spiritual growth of the Parish, and even, as yet, outrunning it, has been the material improvement in the Cathedral edifice. Within the past few months the church has been carpeted throughout and

splendidly illuminated with electric lights. The large transept windows have been glazed, adding much to the cheerfulness of the interior, and very substantial repairs have been made on the organ. These great improvements, as well as numerous others already made or now in progress, we almost entirely owe to the noble generosity of Mrs. Logan H. Roots, who has thus created a visible memorial of the much lamented Colonel Logan H. Roots, whose memory is deeply impressed upon unnumbered hearts in this and many other communities. The Diocese of Arkansas may well remember her in their prayers. I may add here that the surpliced choir, disbanded for many months, is improving weekly under the skillful instruction of the able organist and choirmaster, Prof. O'Carroll. I close this account of the Cathedral by informing you that there is no debt on the church building, and that the only debt now resting on the Parish is one on the Deanery of a few hundred dollars, which is constantly reduced by monthly payments to the Building Association.

Christ Church, Little Rock, is in a flourishing condition. Never was the Parish so prosperous and so full of life and energy as it is now. Its Parochial Missions are carried on with vigor, and it shows fine growth. The Missions in North Little Rock, I am informed, are preparing to unite and erect a commodious Chapel. God-speed Christ Church and her grand work. Under its devoted and able Rector, the Parish debt has been much reduced, and I doubt not will be speedily extinguished.

St. Luke's, Hot Springs, also has reduced its debt, and has it well in hand. If the Rector deems it best to leave his charge, he chooses wisely the time, for the Parish is in admirable condition.

I am rejoiced to see that St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, has already laid a fine stone foundation for the new Church, so long and so much needed. The structure will be in stone, and the plans are well chosen. The Rector, the Rev. W. T. Allen, has wisely judged a new, more commodious and larger Church, to be just now the greatest need of the Parish, and absolutely indispensable to its development and increase. The excellent foundation has been furnished without incurring debt. Indeed, quite a sum is left in hand towards the expense of carrying up the walls. The untiring energy of the Rector convinces me that the date of opening the new Church for worship is not a remote one.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, at Forrest City, is preparing to pay off the remainder of its debt in July. The way that this new Parish has dealt with its indebtedness is little less than phenomenal. The brave little band of workers have taken up their notes in advance, and the last note to be taken up in July next, does not actually fall due before July, 1898. They have not only shown energy, but they have also practiced a wise economy and saved themselves many a dollar. The example presented by them is worthy to be followed by every Parish in the Diocese, and, in fact, in this country. All honor to such wisdom. Of St. Luke's Mission at Brinkley I can hardly speak in terms less strong. The handful of Church people there have purchased a building in a good locality, and when I visited them on Tuesday in Holy Week, they had nearly completed a recess chancel. All this they have accomplished with very little aid from outside the Mission. It does my heart good to see such appreciation of the services of the Church. The Rev. E. J. Williams has wrought nobly at Brinkley, as well as elsewhere.

St. John's Parish, Helena, is in one sense of the word, *ready* to begin the erection of a much needed, larger, and more permanent church. But she is biding the favorable time, when this can be effected with comparative ease. A Parish so full of life and vigor will carry out whatever it undertakes.

Dean Hobbs has been giving regular week-day services at Searcy for several months past and he reports that steps toward the erection of a church are being taken there.

The Rev. A. W. Pierce has been giving for nearly a year one Sunday a month to services at Rocky Comfort. I confirmed a class of ten persons there last September. The movement to build a church at this point is held in abeyance for a while, because of uncertainty as to the direction to be taken by a railroad now under construction. If it pass near to Rocky Comfort without going through it, the removal of the town will naturally follow.

Some services have been held at Jonesboro and at Wynne, and our Board of Missions is considering a plan of uniting Mammoth Spring, Jonesboro and Brinkley under one Missionary. This will leave the clergyman in charge of Forrest City and Marianna at liberty to establish stated services at Wynne.

I am glad to inform you that Lake Village, Chicot County, is desirous of having the services of the Church again. The Church people there, I am informed, are willing and ready to contribute liberally towards the support of a missionary, who will officiate there two Sundays in the month. If we can revive our once very promising work at Arkansas City, we can respond to this loud call. Either Monticello or Hamburg, may be comprised in this field.

On the debt resting on the Church property at Dardanelle, I paid last September $90, and I am prepared to pay $100 more in June or July proximo. Ere long, we must plant a missionary there, and at first provide largely for his support. We need more clergymen and a wider extension of the Church in Arkansas, and for meeting these needs I must have more money. If the Diocese of Arkansas cannot largely increase her contributions to our missionary work, I must at once begin to reduce the stipends allowed to Parishes from the appropriation made by the General Board of Missions. Several Parishes have received aid from this source for many years. They cannot continue missionary stations forever. They must become self-supporting, and they can do this and ought to do it. If need requires, I shall begin, in September next, to reduce gradually all missionary appropriations to established Parishes. The process of reduction will be very gradual, but it will be continued year by year, till the whole of the appropriation made by the General Board is free to be used in Church extension.

Both justice and wisdom demand this; nor do I think it will work hardship to any faithful priest of the Church in Arkansas. Every Parish will grow in spiritual vigor, in good works and in self-respect, as it becomes more nearly self-supporting.

And in both Parishes and missions the fair rule is to be content with such services as they can meet the expenses of. To demand more, is to sue *in forma pauperis*.

I am very much in favor of adopting as a general rule (to be departed from only in peculiar cases), that any missionary field in this Diocese shall receive missionary aid for a term of only ten years at farthest. It should be understood in every case that the time of receiving pecuniary assistance from without is not unlimited.

I cannot recall to mind that I have omitted anything that ought to be said here. It will be borne in mind that the Bishop's address on this and like occasions is, to a considerable degree, supplementary to the parochial reports. Hence the specific mention of some Parishes and Rectors is not to be construed as depreciation or forgetfulness of the good and efficient work wrought in other Parishes by other Rectors. I mention what is new and pass in silence the regular and highly valued labors of our faithful clergy. If I have failed to mention anything which relates to the external growth of the Diocese, I beg you to remind me of my omission. In closing this part of my address, I present to you a brief report of my clerical acts during the past year.

ABSTRACT OF JOURNAL.

My last Annual Report closed with the date May 7, A. D. 1895.

May 8, Wednesday: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., I said the Communion Office, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx reading the Gospel and the Rev. Wm. J. Miller the Epistle. The Rev. C. E. Cabaniss preached, and I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted in the administration by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx. After the sermon, the Twenty-third Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas was called to order, and took a recess till 3 p. m., at which time the Council reassembled and completed its oganization.

May 9, Thursday. At 9 a. m. I attended Morning Prayer, after which I presided in the Council till 10:45 a. m., and read my *Annual Address*. This day was made commemorative of my consecration to the Episcopate twenty-five years ago last St. Paul's, January 25, A. D. 1870.

At 11 a. m., I said the Communion Office; the very Rev. John Davis reading the Gospel, and the Rev. D. B. Ramsey the Epistle; the Rev. J. J. Vaulx preached a Commemorative Sermon. I consecrated a beautiful green altar-cloth, presented as a memorial by Mrs. Helen Norton and Miss Lizzie Peterson, two ladies whose zeal, energy, good works and liberality are well known in the Diocese of Arkansas. I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, being assisted in the administration by Dean Davis. After the close of the services, the Hon. Wm. G. Whipple, Chancelor of the Diocese, presented me, in the name of the Diocese of Arkansas, with a very rich and exceedingly beautiful Cope of crimson color, which color is the true Royal Purple of ancient days. Col. Whipple's presentation address was very eloquent, and my reply was brief. I may say in this connection that I received on the occasion of my twenty-fifth anniversary additional gifts in silver coin from two Parishes—St. Paul's Fayetteville, and St. Luke's, Hot Springs. This money was sacred to me, and my feeling forbade me to put it to common uses. Therefore, by adding something more to the sum from my own purse, and from the loving gift of my daughter, Mrs. G. A. Lyman, who had charge of the matter and superintended the execution of my design, I had made a mitre of such durability as will enable me to hand it down to my successors in office. Its form was taken from that on the effigy of the old crusader, Bishop of Jerusalem, in the Temple Church, London, England. and the lettering in the Hebrew language is that which God ordered to be placed on the mitre of the High Priest Aaron, which is, being interpreted, "Holiness to the Lord." Thus you see that this Arkansas mitre links you with the distant past of Israel and the more recent past of the

mediæval ages, and through them with the apostolic days, for Emsebius assures us that St. John, the Evangelist, wore a golden circlet of like character. The 9th day of May, 1895, will live in my memory as long as I am on this earth. And since Abraham could say to Dives in hades, "Son, remember, I shall bear the grateful remembrance with me through the cycles of eternity." From 3 to 5:30 p. m., I presided in the Council.

May 10, Friday: Presided in the Council all day.

May 11, Saturday: Presided in Council all day.

May 12, Sunday: The fourth after Easter. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, after Morning Prayer, I said the Communion Office, the Rev. Wm. J. Miller reading the gospel and the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., the Epistle; the Rev. G. W. Flowers preached and I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted in the administration by the Rev. Wm. J. Miller. At 4 p. m. I attended evening service, the Rev. Dr. James preached and I closed. The Council was then called to order. I prayed for and solemnly blessed the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, who had been chosen as the agent to increase the Episcopate Fund. I made a short *address* and closed the council with appropriate services and pronounced the twenty-third Council of the Diocese of Arkansas adjourned *sine die*. This Council was the pleasantest and the most important ever held in the Diocese of Arkansas.

May 13, Monday: At 10 a. m. I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions held in Little Rock.

May 19, Sunday, the fifth after Easter: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, *I preached*, and received the Holy Communion at 4:30 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

May 23, Thursday: Ascension Day. At 11 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral, Little

Rock. Dean Davis was celebrant. At 8 p. m., in the Pythian Hall, Searcy, Ark., Dean Davis said Evening Prayer. I *preached* and *confirmed* one person (1f) and made an *address*.

May 24, Friday: At 9:30 a. m,, at Searcy, Dean Davis celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and I received. I *addressed* the congregation about building a church at that place.

May 26, Sunday after Ascension: In Trinity Cathedral. Little Rock, at 11 a. m., I assisted in saying Morning Service. At 4:30 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer, and *lectured*.

June 2, Sunday: Whitsunday. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service; *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 4:30 p. m. I said Evening Prayer and *lectured*.

June 3, Monday In Whitsunweek. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *lectured* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

June 4, Tuesday: In Whitsunweek. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*.

June 9, Sunday: Trinity Sunday. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Davis, who said the rest of the service and preached.

June 11, Tuesday, St. Barnabas' day: I attended the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral, and received the Holy Communion.

June 16, Sunday, the first after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Dean Davis said the Litany and read the Epistle. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Hale, Bishop of Cairo, Ill., read the gospel and preached. I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Bishop of

Cairo. At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayers.

June 23, Sunday, the second after Trinity: At 11 a. m. I assisted in saying Morning Service, and at 5:30 p. m. in saying the Evening Service, in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

June 24, Monday, nativity of St. John the Baptist: At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I received the Holy Communion.

June 30, Sunday, the third after Trinity: At 11 a. m., I *preached* in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

July 7, Sunday, the fourth after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Davis. At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 14, Sunday, the fifth after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *preached*.

July 16, Tuesday: I *confirmed* in private a sick woman. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Gass, rector of Christ Church, Little Rock.

July 21, Sunday, the sixth after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Dean, and at 5:30 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

July 25, Thursday: St. James Day. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* and *lectured* on the day.

July 28, Thursday: The seventh after Trinity, at 8:45 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 11 a. m. I said Morning Prayer and *preached*. At 5:30 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

August 4, Sunday: The eighth after Trinity, at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany

and Communion office, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5:30 p. m. I said Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

August 6, Tuesday: The Transfiguration. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *lectured* on the day and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 11, Sunday: The ninth after Trinity, at 8:45 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 11 a. m., I said Morning Prayer and *preached.* At 5:30 p. m., I said Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

May 13, Tuesday: I *licensed* Mr. Charles L. Minor, of Newport, Ark., to act as *Lay Reader* under the direction of the Rev. J. W. Keeble.

August 18, Sunday: The tenth after Trinty at 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist,* assisted by Dean Davis. At 5:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

August 24, Saturday, St. Bartholomew's Day: At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *lectured* on the day and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 25, Sunday, the eleventh after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, the Rev. I. P. Daniels, Deacon, said the Litany, read the Epistle, and assisted me. I *preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

August 26, Monday: Assisted by the Rev. John Davis and the Rev. E. J. Williams, I examined the Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, Deacon, for Priest's Orders.

September 1, Sunday, the twelfth after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 5:30 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

September 8, Sunday, the thirteenth after Trinity: At 8:45 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 11 a. m. I *preached.* At 3 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached* and confirmed one person (female), and made an *address.*

September 15, Sunday, the fourteenth after Trinity: At 9 a. m. I *officiated* at the *funeral* of a child and made an *address.* At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 2 p. m. I *officiated* at the *funeral* of a child. At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer in the Cathedral.

September 16, Monday: At 8 p. m., in St. Mark's Church, Hope, I *baptized* a child, *preached, confirmed* two persons (two females) and *addressed* the class.

September 17, Tuesday: At 8 p. m., at Rocky Comfort, I *preached; confirmed* ten persons (six females, four males), and *addressed* the class. The candates, yesterday and today, were presented by the Rev. A. W. Pierce.

September 21, Saturday: St. Matthew's day. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *lectured* on the day and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.*

September 22, Sunday: The fifteenth after Trinity. At 8.45 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist.* At 11 a. m. said the service and *preached.* At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

September 26, Thursday: At 8 p. m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, I *preached* and *confirmed* nine persons, (5 females, 4 males) and *addressed* the class.

September 29, Sunday, the sixteenth after Trinity and St. Michael's and All Angel's day: At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* assisted by the Rev. A. W. Pierce, who said the rest of the service and preached.

October 4, Friday: At 8 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached*, *confirmed* one person (1 male) and made an *address*.

October 6, Sunday, the seventeenth after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 5 p. m. I said Evening Prayer.

October 10, Thursday: Attending the session of the House of Bishops, at Minneapolis, Minn.

October 11, Friday: At the House of Bishops.

October 12, Saturday: Went on the excursion of the General Convention to Faribault. A memorable day. At Faribault Bishop Whipple's great work has been done. The noble Institutions there speak in loud tones of his wise provision. They are a monument for any man to be proud of.

October 13, Sunday, the eighteenth after Trinity: At 10:30 a. m. I attended Divine Service at St. Angarins' Church. This congregation is composed of Swedes, and the Bishop of Minnesota, acting under a resolution passed by the House of Bishops at the General Convention of 1871, has very wisely allowed the Parish to continue in use the Swedish Rite, to which the members were accustomed in their native land.

October 14, Monday: House of Bishops all day.

October 15, Tuesday: House of Bishops all day.

October 16, Wednesday: As yesterday.

October 17, Thursday: As yesterday.

October 18, Friday: As yesterday.

October 20, Sunday, the nineteenth after Trinity: I was threatened with pneumonia and was housed all day.

October 27, Sunday, the twentieth after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Ark., I

preached, *confirmed* three persons (2 males, 1 female), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, Rev. J. J. Vaulx. At 4 p. m. I *preached*.

October 28, Monday, St. Simon's and St. Jude's Day: At 8 a. m., I received the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church. The Rector was celebrant.

November 1, Friday, All Saints' Day: At 10 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, I *lectured* on the day and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. I this day *accepted* the *Letters Dismissary* from the Diocese of Indiana, presented by the Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, and have given canonical notice of acceptance.

November 3, Sunday, the twenty-first after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's, Fayetteville, Ark., I *preached* and received the Holy Communion; the Rector celebrated. At 3 p. m., in the Chapel of the Arkansas Industrial University, I *preached*.

November 6, Wednesday: In Fort Smith, Ark., I *confirmed*, in private, an infirm person (1 female) presented by the Rev. Wm. T. Allen, Rector of St. John's Church.

November 10, Sunday, the twenty-second after Trinity: In Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning and Evening Services.

November 11, Monday: I gave the Rev. John Davis *Letters* Dimissary to the Missionary Diocese of Tokio, Japan.

November 12, Tuesday: I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions held in my study.

November 17, Sunday, the twenty-third after Trinity: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Hobbs, who said the rest of the service, and preached. At 4 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

November 18, Monday: I attended a meeting of the ladies of the Cathedral Parish, at which was organized a branch of the "Ladies' Auxiliary."

November 22, Friday: At 4 p. m. I attended Evening Service in the Cathedral.

November 24, Sunday, next before Advent: I attended service in the Cathedral at 11 a. m., and 4. p. m.

November 28, Thursday: National Thanksgiving Day: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I assisted in saying Morning Service.

November 39, Saturday, St. Andrew's Day: At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, I attended the celebration and received the Holy Communion, and received.

December 1, Sunday, the first in Advent: At 11 a. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I *preached; confirmed* one person (male), made an *address* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Daniels, Deacon. At 4 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer in Trinity Cathedral.

December 4, Wednesday: At 4 p. m., attended Evening Service in Trinity Cathedral.

December 8, Sunday, the second in Advent: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, after Morning Prayer, said by the Dean, I read the Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops. At 4 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

December 15, Sunday, the third in Advent: At 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *preached; confirmed* seven persons (two males, five females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted in the service by the Rector and the Rev. Dr. James At 7:30 p. m., in Trinity Church, Van Buren, I *preached; confirmed* four persons (two males, two females), and *addressed* the class.

December 16, Monday: At 11 a. m., in Fort Smith, I *confirmed*, in private, one person (female); 4:30 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *confirmed* four persons (two male, two female), and addressed the class.

December 22, Sunday, the fourth in Advent: I assisted in saying Morning and Evening Service in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

December 25, Wednesday: Christmas day. At 11 a. m. in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* assisted by Dean Hobbs who said Morning Prayer and preached.

December 26, Thursday: St. Stephen's day. At 11 a. m. I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* in Trinity Cathedral, and *lectured* on the day.

December 27, Friday: St. John's day. I received the Holy Communion, at 11 a. m. in the Cathedral. The Dean was celebrant.

December 28, Saturday: Holy Innocents. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Pierce.

December 29, Sunday: The first after Christmas. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying Morning Service and *preached*. At 4 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

January 1, 1896, Wednesday: The Circumcision. At 11 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

January 5, Sunday: The second after Christmas. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Hobbs, who said the rest of the service and preached. At 4 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

January 6, Monday: The Epiphany. At 11 a. m. in the Cathedral I received the holy communion.

January 12, Sunday: The first after Epiphany. I assisted in saying Morning and Evening Services in the Cathedral.

January 13, Monday: I gave my *Canonical consent* to the *consecration* of the Rev. G. M. Williams, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Marquette; also, gave my *consent* (not required by our Canons, I believe) to Bishop Garratt's becoming *Diocesan* of Northern Texas.

January 15, Wednesday: Gave my *Canonical consent* to the *consecration* of the Rev. Wm. Lewis Burton, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky.

January 19, Sunday: The second after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Dean, who said the rest of the service, and preached. At 4 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer. Gave my *Canonical consent* to the restoration of a deposed Priest in the Diocese of Texas.

January 25, Saturday: The conversion of St. Paul. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., I *ordered Priest:* the Rev. Isaiah Pironey Daniels, Deacon; the very Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, said Morning Prayer, and preached and read the Epistle. The Rev. E. J. Williams presented the Candidate, and joined with Dean Hobbs in the Laying on of Hands. I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, and administered in both kinds alone, as the rubric seems to require.

January 26, Sunday: The third after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I assisted in saying Morning Service, and *preached*. At 4 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

February 2, Sunday: Septuagesima and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, the Rev. Charles E.

Cabaniss, Rector, said the ante-Communion. I *preached* and *confirmed* one person (1 male) and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. At 7:30 p. m., after Evening Prayer by the Rector, I *preached* again.

February 6, Thursday: I gave my *Canonical consent* to the *consecration* of the Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, Bishop-elect of Los Angeles, California.

February 9, Sunday: Sexagesima. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the Morning Service and at 7:30 p. m. in saying Evening Service.

February 16, Sunday: Quinquagesima. At 11 a. m., in St. Agnes Church, Morrilton, I assisted in saying the Morning Service, *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*. At 3 p. m., I *preached* again, *confirmed* three persons (1 male, 2 females) and *addressed* the class.

February 17, Monday: At 4 p. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *joined in Holy Matrimony* Michael J. Sullivan and Miss Ada Dobbs.

February 19, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I assisted in saying the Morning Service. At 7:30 p. m., I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

February 20, Thursday: Attended Evening Prayer in the Cathedral.

February 23, Sunday: The first in Lent. At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Batesville, Rev. J. W. Keeble, Rector, said the ante-Communion. I *preached*, *confirmed* four persons (1 male, 3 females), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. At 6 p. m., in Newport, I *baptized* a child. At 7:30 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, Newport, after Evening Prayer said by the Rev. J. W. Keeble, I *preached*.

February 25, Tuesday: At 4 p. m. I attended Evening Prayer in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

February 27, Thursday: At 4 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I said Evening Prayer and *lectured.*

March 1, Sunday, the second in Lent: At 10 a. m., in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I *confirmed* one person (male). At 11 a. m. I *preached; confirmed* twelve persons (five male, seven female), *addressed* the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 4:30, after Evening Prayer, said by the Rev. Wm. J. Miller, Rector, I *preached.*

March 8, Sunday, the third in Lent: At 11 a. m., in St. James's Church, Eureka Springs, I *preached* and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist,* assisted by the Rector, the Rev. R. S. James, D. D. At 4 p. m. I *preached* again.

March 11, Wednesday: I attended Evening Prayer in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville.

March 14, Saturday: At Fayetteville I confirmed, in private, one person (male).

March 15, Sunday, the fourth in Lent: At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Rector, said Communion. I *preached; confirmed* five persons (one male, four female), *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist,* assisted by the Rector. At 4 p. m. I *preached* again.

March 16, Monday: At 4:30 p. m. attended Evening Prayer in St. Paul's Church.

March 18, Wednesday: At 7:30 p. m., in St. Stephen's Chapel, Winslow, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx said the Ante-Communion. I *preached,* and Rev. Mr. Vaulx administered Holy Baptism to three adults and several children. I *confirmed* nine persons (six males, three females), and *addressed* the class, after which I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist,* assisted by the Rev. Mr. Vaulx.

March 20, Friday: At 4:15 p. m. I *preached* in St. John's Church, Ft. Smith.

March 21, Saturday: At 5 p. m. I attended Evening Prayer in Trinity Church, Van Buren.

March 22, Sunday, the fifth in Lent: At 11 a. m. in Trinity Church, Van Buren, the Rector the Rev. G. W. Flowers, said the ante-Communion, I read the gospel, *preached*, *confirmed* six persons (4 males, 2 females) *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* assisted by the Rector. At 7:30 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I *preached*, *confirmed* thirteen persons (5 males 8 females) and *addressed* the class.

March 25, Wednesday, the Annunciation: At 4 p. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *baptized* an infant and *lectured*.

March 26, Thursday: At 4:30 in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *confirmed* one person (1 male).

March 29, Sunday, the sixth in Lent: At 11 a. m. in St. John's Church, Helena, the Rector, Dean Lockwood, said the ante-Communion, I *preached*, *confirmed* eleven persons (4 males, 7 females) *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist* assisted by the Rector.

At 7:30 p. m., in St. Andrew's, Church, Marianna, I *preached*, *confirmed* four persons (3 males, 1 female) and *addressed* the class.

March 30, Monday, in Holy week: At 7:30 p. m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, I *preached*, *confirmed* three persons, (1 male, 2 females), and *addressed* the class.

March 31, Tuesday, in Holy week: At 4 p. m. at Brinkley, I *confirmed* in private one person (1 female). At 7:30 in St. Luke's Chapel, Brinkley, I *preached*,

confirmed three persons (2 males, 1 female), and *addressed* the class.

April 2, Thursday, Maundy Thursday: At 11 a. m., I attended Morning Service in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock. At 8 p. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, the Rector, the Rev. John Gass, said the ante-Communion, I *preached*, *confirmed* forty-two persons (20 males, 22 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector.

April 3, Friday. Good Friday: At 12 noon, in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I said the Litany and remained through the three hours service, conducted by the Dean.

April 5, Sunday. Easter Day: At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Hobbs, who said the rest of the service and preached. At 7:30 I *preached*, *confirmed* eleven persons (5 males, 6 females), and *addressed* the class.

April 6, Monday, in Easter week: At Little Rock, I *confirmed*, in private, two persons (2 females). The candidates were presented by the Rector of Christ Church.

April 7, Tuesday, in Easter week: At 11 a. m., I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

April 8, Wednesday: I attended Evening Prayer at 4 p. m. in the Cathedral.

April 12, Sunday, the first after Easter: At 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Camden, the Rector, the Rev. D. B. Ramsey, said the ante-Communion, I *preached*, *confirmed* five persons (3 males, 2 females), *addressed* the class and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector. A drenching rain prevented the assembling of an evening congregation.

April 13, Monday: At 8 p. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, I *preached*, *confirmed* three persons (2 males, 1 female), and *addressed* the class.

April 14, Tuesday: At 10 a. m., in Pine Bluff, I *confirmed*, in private, two persons (1 male and 1 female).

April 17, Friday: At 8 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I *confirmed* two persons (1 male and 1 female) and *addressed* the class.

April 19, Sunday, the second after Easter: At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Batesville, I *preached; confirmed* four persons (4 females); *addressed* the class, and *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by the Rector, Rev. G. W. Keeble. At 7:30 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, Newport, I *preached; confirmed* three persons (1 male and two females) and *addressed* the class.

April 26, Sunday: The third after Easter. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I assisted in saying the service, and *preached*. At 8 p. m. I assisted in saying Evening Prayer.

May 3, Sunday: The fourth after Easter. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, the very Rev. D. I. Hobbs said Morning Prayer; the Rev. William M. Jefferis, D. D., preached, and I *celebrated the Holy Eucharist*, assisted by Dean Hobbs; Dr. Jefferis having read the Gospel, and the Dean the Epistle. At 3 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, Dean Hobbs preached, and I *confirmed* one person (1 female) and made an *Address*.

To the foregoing abstract, I append the following:

SUMMARY.

Sermons	54
Addresses	49
Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist	50
Confirmed	204
Funerals	2
Baptisms (infants)	3
Marriages	1

Ordinations to the Priesthood	1
Letters Dimissory (given)	1
Letters Dimissory (accepted)	1
Miles traveled	5064

Of the persons confirmed, two were confirmed by the Bishop of Missouri, and three by the Bishop of Tennessee, at my request. The marriage, the baptisms and the funerals are registered in the Parishes where they took place, and will appear in the Parochial Reports.

CONFIRMED.

Christ Church, Little Rock	45
St. John's, Fort Smith	26
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	14
St. Luke's. Hot Springs	13
The Good Shepherd, Forrest City	12
St. John's, Helena	11
Trinity Church, Van Buren	10
St. Mary's Mission, at Rocky Comfort	10
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	9
St. Stephen's Chapel, Winslow	9
St. Paul's, Batesville	8
St. Philip's, Little Rock	7
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	6
St. John's, Camden	5
St. Andrew's, Marianna	4
St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley	4
St. Agnes', Morrilton	3
St. Paul's, Newport	3
St. Mark's, Hope	2
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	2
Mission at Searcy	1
Total	204

ARKANSAS CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

To the last Diocesan Council I reported in hand $96.16. From this balance I paid the following sums: To the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, $50.00; on the Dardanelle Church debt, $40.00. (The $50.00 ordered by Council last year to be paid from the Missionary Funds of the Diocese, added to this $40.00, enabled me to pay $90.00 on the Dardanelle Church debt). The balance left on hand after paying out these sums amounted to $6.16.

COLLECTIONS SINCE.

St. Mark's, Hope	$ 3 50
Mission at Rocky Comfort	1 60
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	9 42
St. John's, Fort Smith	17 15
Trinity, Van Buren	6 50
Trinity, Pine Bluff	6 00
St. Agnes, Morrilton	5 00
St. Paul's, Batesville	7 03
St. Paul's, Newport	8 60
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	23 41
St. James', Eureka Springs	5 92
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	6 00
St. John's, Helena	11 60
St. Andrew's, Marianna	4 70
St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley	1 65
Christ Church, Little Rock	15 80
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	17 25
St. John's, Camden	7 85
St. Philip's, Little Rock	1 35
Total balance and collections	$163 49

PAID OUT.

To St. John's, Fort Smith, for new church	$ 12 00
To St. Luke's Chapel, Brinkley	1 65
Total paid out	$ 13 65
Balance on hand	$149 84

Of this sum I am to pay, next month, $100.00 on the Dardanelle Church property, and have promised $50.00 towards extinguishing the debt on the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City.

Before closing this address let me briefly advert to several matters of much interest to all of us.

I am rejoiced to see that there is good grounds for the hope, that we are soon to have a strong Diocesan Branch of that grand organization, the Woman's Auxiliary, firmly established in Arkansas. We have been long and liberally aided by the General Society, and now the auspicious time has come, when church-women of this Diocese are to become earnest co-workers in this great cause. Mrs. John Gass, whom under the general rules of the general organization, I have appointed Diocesan Secretary, is showing great zeal in the cause. I ask the ladies in every Parish in this State to proceed at once to duly organize and prosecute the great work so vigorously and effectively carried on in the older and stronger Dioceses.

I am glad to see also, that the two noble societies known as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's and the Daughters of the King are gradually spreading through the Diocese. If a clergyman will take the pains of tracing the history of these organizations and their working he will not fail to desire to avail himself of the aid of such valuable bands of workers in building up and carrying on his parish. Individual zeal however ardent is generally apt

to grow cold. A single stick of wood keeps up no fire. It may blaze awhile, but it soon expires, unless others be laid upon the pile. The sticks added may be cold when first laid on, but soon the heat of the whole pile will greatly exceed that of all the sticks taken separately. The best organized Parish generally becomes the most successful one.

I hope, my dear brethren, you will not forget what I told you last year, that the vigorous extension of the Church in Arkansas will be largely dependent on its having additional Episcopal oversight. I have been more than once asked whether I desire to have a coadjutor Bishop elected now. I have answered publicly and positively, "just as soon as you can wisely and safely do so." It is true that I am not completely broken down, but it is equally true that I do not wish so to be and that, so far as I can prevent it, I do not intend so to be. Brethren, you suppose that a Bishop has but to travel to the Parishes and there exercise his Episcopal functions. Let me tell you that this is but a small part of the burden he has to bear. It has been suggested that I appoint an Archdeacon to attend to some of my arduous duties—not now I say. He would but increase my burdens instead of relieving me of them.

For a while, at least, God helping, I can, if need be, still visit the few Parishes in Arkansas, but I can not extend the Church into new fields as I once did. What we want most now is a Bishop who can largely devote himself to missionary work in this State. Were the number of Parishes even considerably increased, I should hardly be able to visit them all.

Yet, it is a bitter grief and a constant source of anxiety, more wearing than travel and labor, that our clergy list does not increase, and our Parishes multiply more rapidly

A Coadjutor Bishop, unfettered to a great degree by other duties, as he can be as long as my strength holds out, could devote most of his time to Church extension. Should the whole burden of the Diocese fall on him at once, he must be a strong man if he succeeds in doing more missionary work than I did fifteen and twenty years ago—yet, we need far more.

If the Diocese is not prepared to act just now, I beg you take at once more vigorous action than you have hitherto taken toward readiness in a future less than a year hence. For when I know that I actually must have rest, I shall not hesitate to take it, and to prolong my absence from active duty till my judgment warrants my resuming it again. One about to enter on his 77th year can not expect to look forward to a long future of any kind, and especially to one filled with cares and anxieties.

But let us now turn our attention to a topic of another kind. You know, Brethren, that I rarely discuss in my Annual Address any other than Diocesan matters. What the Church at large in this land is thinking or doing, is a subject as much within your knowledge as it is within mine. Therefore I do not generally descant upon the doings of the General Convention of this Church. You leave me to form my judgment concerning them, and I as freely leave you to form yours. But I wish on this occasion to express my satisfaction with the action of the House of Bishops in one respect at least. In the admirable Pastoral Letter issued by that body at the last Triennial Meeting of the American Church, assembled in council, the American Episcopate made their own and gave sanction to the excellent statement concerning the Catholic faith and the authority of the Holy Scripture, set forth by some of the Bishops of our Communion about a year previous. To allow that a document, issued, as

that was, by a number of our Bishops, specially assembled for another purpose and under a call, which gave no intimation that questions of such a kind were to be considered and acted upon, was the utterance of the American Episcopate, would be to create a precedent full of danger to our branch of the Church Catholic. But the requisite authority, lacking on the first issuance of that clear and catholic utterance, has now been supplied by the hearty endorsement of it made in the regular Pastoral of the House of Bishops, and I rejoice thereat; for having shown that the Faith, once delivered to the Saints, is our guide, and the statement of that faith by the Holy Catholic Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, is to be our verbal expression of it in our formal utterances. The House of Bishops has logically bound itself to set forth an authorized translation of the creed of the undivided Church of God, as literal, exact and faithful as can be given in the English language. To allow the least thing in the original creed to be added to, subtracted from or altered, is to be inconsistent with their open declaration.

If the House of Bishops permits one corruption of that creed to stand uncorrected in our standards, they can not with any show of consistency complain that others corrupt the faith still more. If they are not content to abide by the decisions of the whole Church of God, why should they expect others to be, and blame them for not being? Why appeal to the Catholic faith, without telling the people exactly what that faith is?

Concerning the teaching as to the authority and reliableness of the Holy Scriptures, much the same may be said. The more we make out the Bible to be the word of God, the more are we bound to give that Divine word in its absolute purity to the people. How dare we hide God's

word from the world? How dare we set forth to the people as God's word what is in fact not the word of God? But we are aware that in the King James' version of the Bible, and also in the so-called revised version, are numerous passages which we *know* to be mistranslated. One of them, at least, is a mere typographical error, which we allow to be printed and reprinted again and again, because we are foolishly afraid to correct it. It seems to me that consistency demands the House of Bishops to take steps at once towards giving the people God's word in its purity.

If it be God's word, let God speak to His people in words that they can understand.

Let the utterances of our Heavenly Father, and the utterances of His Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Holy Catholic Church, be given to the American people as they were uttered, uncorrupted by human glasses. Till the American Church does this, she will show herself recreant to her duty. I love my brethren much, but I love God's truth more; and even my love to them bids me pray that God will grant us all grace to be consistent with ourselves, and that we may do rightly as well as say rightly. No braver body of men ever lived, and I believe the time is not far distant when the American Church will be as absolutely Catholic in fact and practice as she is already now in spirit and profession.

Brethren, I have not been brief to-day. I could not well be. I leave you to your deliberations. May the Holy Ghost guide you in all you say and do.

H. N. PIERCE.

APPENDIX II.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Twenty-fourth Annual Council:

May 11, 1895. The Standing Committee elected by the twenty-third Annual Council, met in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, and organized by electing the Rev. Charles H. Lockwood, President, and the Rev. W. J. Miller, Secretary.

June 17th. Consent given to the consecration of the Rev. Frank Rosebrook Millspough, B. D., as Bishop of Kansas.

The bond of Mr. S. S. Faulkner (in the sum of ten thousands dollars) Trustee of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, received and approved, and the same ordered to be filed with the Registrar of the Diocese.

December 17th. Consent given to the consecration of the Rev. William Lewis Burton, A. M., as Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington.

The papers of the Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels (colored) deacon, were received, recommending him for ordination to the Priesthood; also, his request asking for a dispensation from the study of the Greek language. The dispensation was granted. His papers being found in proper form, and complying with the Canon Law of the Church, he was recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese for ordination to the Priesthood.

Consent given to the Vestry of St. John's Parish, Helena, to sell lots Nos. 237 and 238, on the east half of Broad alley, in the City of Helena.

A committee of three was appointed to confer with the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. Vaulx, as to what steps had been taken in raising money for the Permanent Episcopate Fund, said committee to have full power to act for the Standing Committee with the Bishop, as provided by the action of the last Diocesan Council.

The President appointed as such committee, the Revs. Gass and Miller, and Mr. P. K. Roots.

December 18th. The committee appointed to confer with the Bishop, reported that it had done so, and learned that the Rev. Mr. Vaulx had made a beginning in securing funds for the Endowment of the Episcopate.

The committee also reported that the Bishop agreed with the Standing Committee as to the desirabilities of appointing an additional Agent in the interests of the Episcopate Fund.

The Bishop was requested by the Standing Committee to appoint such additional Agent.

The Bishop appointed Maj. John J. Horner to assist and co-operate with the Rev. Mr. Vaulx, in work of securing an Endowment for the Episcopate in the Diocese of Arkansas.

February 5, 1896. Consent given to the consecration of the Rev. G. Mott. Williams, M. A., to be Bishop of Marquette.

Consent given to the consecration of the Rev. Joseph Horsfall Johnson, D. D., to be Bishop of Los Angeles.

Consent given to the consecration of the Rev. Henry Gates Satterlee, D. D., to be Bishop of Washington.

Consent was also given to the election of the Rt. Rev. Alexander C. Garratt, D. D., LL. D., Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas, as the Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.

The committee appointed to confer with the Bishop, reported that the Bishop had received a communication from Maj. John J. Horner, in which he stated, that after due and earnest deliberation, he felt obliged, owing to the many demands made upon his time, to decline the appointment as Agent in the work of assisting the Rev. Mr. Vaulx in securing funds for the Episcopate in the Diocese of Arkansas.

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
President.

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Fund.

To balance on hand last report.....$443 04

RECEIPTS.

From C. H. Hutchins, Secretary of General Convention, excess postage	$ 84
From St. Andrew's Church, Marianna	7 00
From Good Shepherd Church, Forrest City	5 00
From St. John's Church, Camden	10 00
From St. Philip's Church, Little Rock	2 50
From Grace Church, Washington	7 00
From St. Agnes' Church, Morrilton	7 00
From St. Mark's Church, Hope	10 00
From St. Paul's Church, Newport	12 00
From St. Paul's Church, Batesville	15 00
From Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	21 00
From Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	30 00
From St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville	31 50
From St. John's Church, Helena	50 00
From St. John's Church, Fort Smith	53 00
From Christ Church, Little Rock	125 00
Total receipts	$829 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

To W. J. Miller, honorarium ordered by Council	$ 50	00
To Chester Watson, janitor for Council.	20	00
To W. J. Miller, expenses to Standing		

Committee, June 17th	4 70	
To W. J. Miller, mailing Journals	21 22	
To Brown Printing Company, printing Journals	168 30	
To Assessment, General Convention	51 00	
To C. H. Lockwood, expenses to Standing Committee, December 18th	6 50	
To W. J. Miller, expenses to Standing Committee, December 18th	3 25	
To C. L. Hutchins, Secretary of General Convention, expense of Journals for Clergy	3 60	
To C. H. Lockwood, expenses to Standing Committee, February 5th	3 50	
To S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of Episcopate Fund	100 00	
To J. M. Daggett, honorarium ordered by Council	50 00	
To Zack Hurt, janitor for Council	5 00	$477 07
Balance on hand		$352 81

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS,

MAY 9, 1896. *Treasurer.*

Fund for Disabled Clergy, Etc.

Balance on hand last report ..... $ 40 05

RECEIPTS.

From July interest on Building Association, paid up stock	$ 6 25
From Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	8 35
From St. Luke's, Hot Springs	7 00

From Christ Church, Little Rock	14 00
From St. Andrew's Church, Marianna	3 70
From Building Association, interest January	15 00
From St. Mark's, Hope	3 00
From Grace Church, Washington	3 00
From St. Paul's Church, Batesville	8 00
From St. John's Church, Helena	26 54
From St. John's Church, Fort Smith	8 00
Total	$142 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Twelve months' Building Association dues	$ 62 00	$ 62 00
Cash balance on hand		$ 80 89
Also, Building Association, paid up stock		500 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS.

MAY 9, 1896. *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1896.

HELENA, ARK., May 1, 1896.

To the Diocesan Council:

BRETHREN—I have the pleasure of submitting my fourth annual report of the condition of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, showing receipts, expenditures and actual value of Fund on May 1, 1896:

May 1, 1895.	RECEIPTS.		
To balance, as per former report, on hand...			$1,506 55
August 3, 1895.			
To amount of M. L. Bell loan repaid			1,000 00
From Interest:			
Various dates.			
To M. L. Bell.....	$130 75		
Lula Drug Co.....	3 75		
St. John's Parish.....	111 25		
Library Bond.....	20 00		
Short Loans.....	44 06—		309 81
From Donations:			
To Treasurer Diocesan Fund.....	100 00		
St. John's, Helena.....	101 00		
Trinity, Little Rock.....	25 00		
St. Andrew's, Marianna.....	4 00		
Church of the Good Shepherd, Forest City.....	9 00		
St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley.....	8 90		
St. Paul's, Newport.....	5 00		
P. K. Roots.....	5 00—		257 90

Pine Bluff Property:

May 1, 1896.

To amount received from rents from former report to this date 324 00

May 1, 1896.

To amount repaid on account of loan, St. John's Parish 175 00

$3,573 26

EXPENDITURES.

Building and Loan Association Dues:

Little Rock Ass'n., Series No. 13..	60 00	
Home Mutual Ass'n., Series No. 1.	60 00	
Home Mutual Ass'n., Series No. 2. and Premium	339 00	
Home Mutual Ass'n., Series No. 3.	60 00	
Peoples, Helena, Series No. 1 and Premium	1,130 70	1,649 70
Woman's Library Bond, No. 1.....		500 00
H. N. and R. N. Word note.....		250 00
Miles Place.....		500 00
Lula Drug Co.....		19 00
Austin & Taylor, fee in Bell case.....		40 00
Recording deed.....		3 00

Pine Bluff Property:

Repairs, insurance, taxes, water and expenses, as per Vouchers 1–16, inclusive..	84 85
Balance in my hands.....	526 71
	$3,573 26

PRESENT VALUE OF FUND.

Building and Loan Stock:		PAID IN.	WORTH.
Little Rock Series, No. 13.....	$ 500 00	$ 260 00	$ 320 00
Home Mutual, Series No. 1.....	1,000 00	530 00	876 50
Home Mutual, Series No. 2.....	1,600 00	598 00	846 80

Home Mutual, Series No. 3	1,000 00	170 00	188 70
Peoples, Series No. 1	10,900 00	4,578 00	6,703 50
Bills Receivable:			
St. John's Church, Note	Face,	950 00	958 00
H. N. & R. H. Word, Note	"	250 00	266 50
Miles Place, Note	"	500 00	522 50
Lula Drug Co., Note	"	19 00	19 00
Woman's Library, Bond	"	500 00	500 00
Pine Bluff Property:			
As per former valuation, which is not too high			3,936 00
Cash on hand			526 71
Present Value of Fund			$15,664 21
Value at close of last Term			14,258 90
Increase for Year			$ 1,405 31
Add to the amount loss on Bell loan			270 00
Actual Increase			$ 1,675 31

As from what I could learn there had been no definite plan put into effect to increase this fund, and as there was no action taken by the Council to assist it, I took it upon myself to write personal letters to the Rector in charge of Parishes, and where there was no Rector, I wrote to the Senior Warden, and appealed to them in the most urgent manner I knew how, to make a Special Offering at some time before the meeting of the Council. My report shows where the appeal was heeded. In most cases the Rectors paid no attention to my letter. We cannot expect to build up this fund without the earnest co-operation of the Clergy, and unless they will talk the matter up among their parishioners, we cannot accomplish much. I have twice before recommended that the Parishes be assessed an equal amount to their "Council Assessment." While this will not give us any large amount it will bring the necessity before them in such a way that they will begin to realize it is a debt that they will have to provide for in the future, and I cannot help but believe many of the larger Parishes

will increase their offering. I regret that it is necessary to report a loss to the fund. In the settlement of the Bell claim the fund lost $270.00; this was occasioned by his death and on account of the security being on farm land. I apprised the Standing Committee of the terms of settlement and they concurred in terms proposed; the full correspondence is made a part of this report. We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Trulock for his kindness in looking after the Pine Bluff property, and had it not been for his interest our loss on the Bell loan would have been much more. I desire to thank the Council for their confidence, and trust I have fulfilled my trust.

Fraternally,

S. S. FAULKNER, *Trustee.*

APPENDIX V.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee reports that the Church in the Diocese of Arkansas for the past conciliar year has more than held its own. The reports from some of the Parishes and Missions show a strong and steady growth. The confirmations throughout the Diocese are more than last year. The clergy and people are being aroused with new zeal and spirit for the work of God. In certain parts of the Diocese outside of the old Parishes and Missions aggressive work has been done. Your committee feel that they must direct special attention to the work done by Rev. E. J. Williams in the Helena Convocation with the assistance of the Dean of that Convocation, Rev. C. H. Lockwood. That great help of the missionary life of the in the United States "The Woman's Auxiliary" has been firmly established in our Diocese. Wherever this organization goes it brings power. Your committee would recommend its formation in every Parish. While we congratulate ourselves thus far still your committee would call attention to the need of active and agressive effort throughout the whole Diocese and the need of funds to do the work. Money and men are wanted. If we have the first the second will come. During the year there has been a decrease in the contributions to the Board of Missions of $97.50. Money for the kingdom will only come from consecration to the King. Now is the time. Now is the day of salvation for this Diocese. Immigration is pouring into the State. The Church must be ready for

the opportunity. The cry comes up from many a hamlet and town for the services of the Church. The cry cannot be answered. Many, many are being forced to leave the mother of their childhood, the mother they love, to seek spiritual help elsewhere. It is sad to see the places where the Church is not represented, sadder to see the places where once the church was and now "they know it no more." If our great church is true—the one, holy, Catholic Apostolic Church—let us endeavor to be one in heart, Holy in purpose, Catholic in feeling and intent, Apostolic in zeal and method. The Church in our Diocese needs a daring faith to realize and commit itself to the great Holy Spirit of God, who is ever present in her.

Your committee has marked with pleasure the increase of the Episcopate Fund and would recommend that this be the special object of the zeal and work of the Diocese for the next year. The report of the committee cannot be closed without expressing regret at the departure from the Diocese of the Rev. Wm. Jas. Miller—a faithful priest who deserves the words "well done" for his service in the midst of us.

Respectfully,

JOHN GASS,

For Committee.

APPENDIX VI.

PAROCHIAL ASSESSMENTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your committee submits a list of unpaid assessments and of assessments for the ensuing year.

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

St. James', Eureka Springs	$ 7 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	32 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Springs	7 00
Redeemer, Nashville	3 50
Trinity, Van Buren	10 50
	$60 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

St. Paul's, Batesville	$ 15 00
St. John's, Camden	10 00
St. James', Eureka Springs	7 00
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	31 50
St. John's, Helena	50 00
St. Mark's, Hope	10 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	32 00
St. John's, Fort Smith	53 00
Christ Church, Little Rock	100 00
Trinity, Little Rock	30 00
St. Andrew's, Marianna	7 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Springs	7 00
St. Agnes', Morrilton	7 00
Redeemer, Nashville	3 50

St. Paul's, Newport	12 00
Trinity, Pine Bluff	31 50
Trinity, Van Buren	10 50
Grace, Washington	7 00
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	5 00
St. Philip's, Little Rock	2 50
	$431 50

REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, *Chairman*,
H. S. COLEMAN,
C. T. COFFMAN.

APPENDIX VII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. JOHN GASS, Rector.

DR. W. A. CANTRELL, JOHN W. GOODWIN, Wardens.

Baptisms, infants 35, adults 10, total, 45. Confirmations 45. Actual Communicants, admitted 45, present number, male 112, female 300, total, 412. Number confirmed persons, 525. Marriages 10. Burials 29. Public services, Sundays 116. Holy Communion, public 24. Sunday School, teachers 30, pupils 316. Church sittings, 600. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $288; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $5,486.42.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $125; Diocesan mission, $227.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $140.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$60,000
Estimated value Rectory	8,000
Estimated value other Church property	1,000

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BRINKLEY.

THE REV. E. J. WILLIAMS, Rector.

DR. W. W. SMALE, Warden.

Number of families 13. Whole number of souls 54. Number of baptized persons 52. Baptisms, infants 3, adults 1, total 4. Confirmations 4. Actual communicants, admitted 2, total added 2, present number 27. Number confirmed persons 30. Marriages 1. Public services, Sundays 3, other days 14, total 17. Holy Communion, public 3, total 3. Sunday-school, teachers 2, pupils 15. Church sittings, 65.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $32.00; Sunday School, $4.00.

DIOCESAN: Church building fund, $160.

Estimated value Church and grounds $500

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MARIANNA.

REV. E. J. PEEKE WILLIAMS, Rector.

J. P. DUNHAM, DUDLEY S. CLARK, Wardens.

Number of families 17. Whole number of souls 80. Number baptized persons 77. Baptisms, infants 1, adults 3, total 4. Confirmations 4. Actual Communicants, admitted 2, total added 2, removed 3, died 1, total lost 4, present number, male 17, female 29, total 46. Number Confirmed persons 48. Burials 2. Public service, Sundays 75, other days 15, total 90. Holy Communion, public 12. Sunday School, teachers 5, pupils 35, Church sittings 120. Rectory prospective.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Alms $54,05, Rector's salary and Parish expense $236, miscellaneous $11.50, Ladies' Guild $250, Sunday school $12.50, total $564.05.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment $7, Diocesan missions $22.30, aged and infirm clergy $3.70, Episcopate fund $5, Church building fund $4.70, total $42.70.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic and foreign missions $10, Rainger Memorial fund $3.70, total $13.70.

Total offerings $620.45.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....	$3,000.00
Estimated value rectory fund	150.00
Total.....	$3,150.00

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. DOUGLAS I. HOBBS, Rector.

COL. W. G. WHIPPLE, MAJ. P. K. ROOTS, Wardens.

Number of families 80. Whole number of souls 300. Baptisms, infants 8, adults 2, total 10. Confirmations 14. Actual Communicants, admitted 14, received 6, total added 20; removed 4, withdrawn 3, total lost 7; total 96. Number Confirmed persons 125. Marriages 1. Public services, Sundays 48, other days 91, total 142. Holy Communion, public 62. Sunday School, teachers 9, pupils 90. Church sittings 500. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $23.30; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $2,500; total, $2,523.30.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $30; Episcopate Fund, $25; Church building, $17.25; total, $72.25.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$20,000
Estimated value Rectory..... 2,000
Estimated value Church property..... 2,500

Total.....$24,500

It is due to this Parish to say that the above report covers only five months.

FORREST CITY CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

THE REV. E. J. P. WILLIAMS, RECTOR.

Number of families, 11. Whole number of souls 52. Number baptized persons, 52. Baptisms, infants 5, adults 5, total 10. Confirmations 12. Actual communicants, 44; admitted 12, received 1, total added 13, removed 1, died 1, total lost 2; present number, male 12, female 32, total 44. Number Confirmed persons 44. Burials 1. Public services, Sundays 15, other days 20, total 35. Holy Communion, public 10. Sunday-School, teachers 5, pupils 40.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Alms, $22.47; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $237; miscellaneous, $22; Sunday-School, $34.21; Ladies' Guild, $200; total, $515.68.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $5; Diocesan missions, $4.50; Church building fund, $9.42; total, $18.92.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Foreign missions, $17.48; total, $17.48; total offerings, $552.07.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$3,000
Amount of indebtedness on Church property..... 100

Note: Dr. Smale, Lay reader, has held about thirty-five services on various Sundays during the past year.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HELENA.

THE REV. CHARLES H. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

P. O. THWEATT and GREENFIELD QUARLES, Wardens.

Number of families 108. Whole number of souls 457. Number baptized persons 437. Baptisms, infants 17, adults 5, total 22. Confirmations 11. Actual communicants, admitted 12, received 8; total added 20. Removed 5, died 5, withdrawn 1, total lost 11; total 254. Number Confirmed persons 259. Marriages none. Burials 9. Public services, Sundays 120, other days 123, total 243. Holy Communion, public 63, private 9, total 72. Sunday School, teachers 16, pupils 141. Church sittings 300. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $40.50; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $2,377.77. Miscellaneous (Memorial Home $40, Ladies' Aid Society $696.50, Brotherhood of St. Andrew $32, Building Society $84.65), $853.15. Total, $3,271.42.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $50; Diocesan Missions, $128.25; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $26.54; Episcopate Fund, $101; miscellaneous (prayer books and hymnals Jonesboro $17.60, Bishop's visit $11.60), $29.20. Total, $334.99.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic Missions, $33.30; University of the South, $2.80; miscellaneous (General Clergy Fund $9.20, Conversion of Jews, $2.75); total, $48.05.

Total offerings, $3,654.46.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$16,000
Estimated value rectory	7,000
Estimated value other Church property	14,000
Total	$37,000

Amount of indebtedness on church property (rectory), $950.

TRINITY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.

REV. CHAS. E. CABANISS, Rector.

MESSRS. DAY MILLS, R. E. LEE, Wardens.

Number of families 70. Number baptized persons 260. Baptisms, infants 5. Confirmations 6. Actual Communicants 164, admitted 1, received 3, removed 5, died 1. Number Confirmed persons 167. Marriages 2. Burials 7. Public services, Sundays 104, other days 68, total 172. Holy Communion, public 55, private 15, total 70. Sunday school, teachers 8, pupils 100. Church sittings 450. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms $25, Rectory's salary and Parish expenses $955.25, the Young Ladies' Guild paid out $321.50, Trinity Church association $348.45, total $1,650.20.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment $21, Diocesan missions $10, offering at Bishop's visitations $5, total $36.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions $2.50, Foreign missions $2.50.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$12,000.00
Estimated value rectory	3,000.00
Estimated value other Church property	1,000.00
Total	$16,000.00

Remarks: I would call attention to the fact that the two Societies of ladies in this Parish have raised and expended, most judiciously, for the good of the Church, $669.95. A very remarkable showing and really it is beyond all human praise.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.

THE REV. D. B. RAMSEY, Rector.

CALEB A. STONE AND JOSEPH A. REEVES, Wardens.

Number of families 29. Whole number of souls 130. Number baptized persons 106. Baptisms, infants 10, adults 2, total 12. Confirmations, 5. Actual communicants, admitted 5, total added 5, removed 5, withdrawn 2, total lost 7; present number, male 15, female 33, total 48. Number Confirmed persons 50. Public services, Sundays 107, other days 56, total 163. Holy Communion, public 24, total 24. Sunday-School, teachers 6, pupils 38, Church sittings 180. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $36.50; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $75.00; miscellaneous, $38.55; total, $150.05.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10; Diocesan missions, $60; miscellaneous, Bishop's visitation, $10.35; total, $80.35.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions and foreign missions, $25.50; total, $25.50.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$3,000
Estimated value rectory	600
Estimated value other Church property	30
Total	$3,630

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.

THE REV. WM. JAMES MILLER, Rector.

GEORGE G. LATTA, RICHARD B. BANCROFT, Wardens.

Number of families 101. Baptisms, infants 25, adults 5, total 30. Confirmations 13. Actual Communicants,

admitted 27, received 8, total added 35; removed 14, died 1, total lost 15; present number 160. Marriages 3, burials 5. Public services, Sundays 129, other days 80, total 209. Holy Communion, public 63, private 2, total 65. Sunday School, teachers 7, pupils 70. Church sittings 450.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $63.25; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1,800.30; paid on Church debt, $890.59; ladies societies, $200; miscellaneous, $496.54; total, $3,340.68.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $32; Diocesan missions, $50; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $7; Bishop's visitation, $23.41; total, $112.41.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $4.50; University of the South, $5, total, $9.50.

Total offerings, $3,462.59.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$30,000

The present Rector resigned his charge after twelve years' incumbency on Easter Monday, April 6, 1896, in order to accept the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Clarksville, Tenn. His last service was held on the fourth Sunday after Easter, May 3, 1896.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

THE REV. ISAIAH P. DANIELS, Rector.

A. W. COLE AND A. H. DIXON, Wardens.

Number of families 15. Whole number of souls 77. Baptisms, infants 6, adults 3, total 9. Confirmations 7. Actual communicants 45; admitted 4, received 7, total added 11; removed 2, total lost 2, present number, male 16, female 29, total 45. Burials 1. Public services, Sundays 104, other days 54, total 158. Holy Communion,

public 12, total 12. Sunday-School, teachers 7, pupils 75. Church sittings 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $4.87; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $35.54; Miscellaneous, $3; total, $43.41.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $2.50; Diocesan missions, $2.05; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $0.10; Episcopate fund, $0.10; for building new churches in the Diocese, $1.35; total, $6.10.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: General missions, $3.14; total, $3.14.

Total offerings, $52.65.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$2,500
Estimated value rectory	500
Total	$3,000

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWPORT.

THE REV. J. W. KEEBLE, Rector.
GUSTAVE JONES, H. V. RIDLEY, Wardens.

Number of families 32. Number baptized persons 123. Baptisms, infants 5, adults 3, total 8. Confirmations 3. Actual communicants, admitted 3, total added 3; total 59. Public services, Sundays 42, other days 56, total 98. Holy Communion, public 12. Sunday School, teachers 8, pupils 38. Church sittings 100. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $532.31; Sunday School, $14.19; Church improvement, $151.75. Total, $698.25.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $12; Diocesan Missigns, $3; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $5; Church Building Fund (Arkansas), $8.60. Total, $28.60.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Foreign Missions (Brazil), $6.55; miscellaneous (to the Jews), $1.85. Total, $8.40.

Total offerings, $735.25.

Estimated value Church grounds.....$2,000
Estimated value rectory..... 350

Remarks: During my three years rectorship there has been not one funeral of a person belonging to this Parish. The same applies to Batesville.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BATESVILLE.

THE REV. J. W. KEEBLE, Rector.

J. C. FITZHUGH, W. B. LAWRENCE, Wardens,

Number of families 47. Baptisms, infants 7, adults 3, total 10. Confirmations 8. Actual Communicants, admitted 8, total added 8; removed 2, total lost 2; total 83. Marriages 2. Burials 1. Public services, Sundays 26, other days 65, total 91. Holy Communion, total 16. Sunday School, teachers 4, pupils 48. Church sittings 250.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $30.66; Rector's salary, and Parish expenses, $504.33; miscellaneous, $134.39; Ladies' Aid, $80; donations, $38.10; total, $786.48.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $15; Diocesan Missions, $4.25; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $11; miscellaneous, $7.50; total, $37.75.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $11.43.

Total offerings, $835.66.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$3,000
Estimated value Rectory..... 200

Total.....$3.200

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUREKA SPRINGS.

REV. RICHARD S. JAMES, D.D., Rector.

COL. W. G. WEAR, GEORGE S. BROWN, Wardens.

Number of families 26. Whole number of souls 86 Number baptized persons 64. Baptisms, infants 1, adults 1, total 2. Present number male 8, female 37, total 45. Marriages 1, burials 5. Public service, Sundays 70, other days 23, total 93. Holy Communion, public 15. Sunday school, teachers 4, pupils 30, Church sittings 120.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms $36.35, Rector's salary and Parish expenses $200, miscellaneous 10.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan missions $10.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions $5, foreign missions $5, miscellaneous $4, total $14.

Total offerings $270.35.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$800.00
Estimated value rectory..... ..... 150.00

Total.....$950.00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FORT SMITH.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. ALLEN, Rector.

Number of families 119. Whole number of souls, 400. Number baptized persons 98. Baptisms, infants 10, adults 6, total 16. Confirmations 26. Actual communi-

cants 251; admitted 1, received 11, total added 38; removed 15, died 4, total lost 19; present number males 67, females 185, total 252. Marriages 2. Burials 6. Public services, Sundays 100, other days 70, total 170. Holy Communion, public 45, private 7, total 52. Sunday School, teachers 10, pupils 100. Church sittings 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $134; Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $1,413.92; miscellaneous (raised for new church, foundation of which is completed and paid for), $2,062. Total, $3,609.92.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $53; Diocesan Missions, $82; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $8; Episcopate Fund, $8; miscellaneous (to Bishop for Diocese), $17.15. Total, $168.15.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic Missions, $15.

Total offerings, $3,785.07.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$ 12,000
Estimated value rectory	1,800
Estimated value other Church property	705
Total	$ 14,505

Amont of indebtedness on Church property, none.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, ROCKY COMFORT.

REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in Charge.

Number of families 14. Whole number of souls 32. Number baptized persons 32. Baptisms, infants 1, adults 1, total 2. Confirmations 10. Actual Communicants 17, admitted 10, present number male 3, female 14, total 17.

Marriages 1. Public service, Sundays 19, other days 3, total 22. Holy Communion, public 10. No Church.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses $153.90.

Total offerings $153.90.

GRACE MISSION, WASHINGTON.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in Charge.

Number of families 7. Whole number of souls 24. Number baptized persons 24. Actual communicants, removed 1; present number, male 1, female 7, total 8. Number confirmed persons 12. Marriage 1. Burial 1. Public services, Sundays 24. other days 16, total 40. Holy Communion, public 20, total 20. Sunday-School. teachers 3, pupils 8. Church sittings 160. Rectory? Yes, but decayed.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $110; total, $110.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $7; Diocesan missions, $12.45; total, $19.45.

Total offerings, $129.45.

Estimated value Church and grounds	$ 900
Estimated value rectory	300
Total	$1,200

ST. MARK'S MISSION, HOPE.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

Number of families 23. Whole number of souls 70. Number baptized persons 70. Baptisms, infants 2, total

2. Confirmations 2. Actual Communicants, admitted 2, total added 2; removed 3, died 1, total lost 4; present number male 8, female 14, total 22. Number confirmed persons 29. Burials 2. Public services, Sundays 48, other days 12, total 60. Holy Communion, public 30. Church sittings 140. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $341.25.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $10.00; Diocesan missions, $14.50; total, $24.50.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic missions, $7.50; foreign missions, $7.50; total, $15.

Total offerings, $380.75.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$2,000

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

REV. JAS. J. VAULX, Rector.

J. L. CRAVENS, FRANK. HILL, Wardens.

Baptisms, infants 8, adults 6, total 14. Confirmations 18. Actual Communicants, 175. Number Confirmed persons 177. Marriages 1, burials 4. Public services, Sundays 156, other days 730, total 886. Holy Communion, public 88, private 14, total 102. Sunday school, teachers 6, pupils 70. Church sittings about 250. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms $175.48, Rector's salary and Parish expenses $849.73, miscellaneous $771.27, $31.50, total $1827.98.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment $31.50, Diocesan missions, $13.30; miscellaneous, $7. Total, $41.80.

EXTRA DIOCESAN: Domestic Missions, $20.18; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $7.55; Society for Promoting Christianity Among Jews, $4.50. Total, $30.23.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$6,000
Estimated value rectory..... 3,000

Total.....$9,000

Note: This above report includes the report from St. Stephens', Winslow, except Sunday School and collections therein. Of the money above reported, $500 is a gift towards the building of a Church house, and $90 for the endowment of the Parish, both of which are in the hands of a trustee for investment.

ST. AGNES' CHURCH, MORRILTON.

THE REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, Rector.

W. M. SCARBOROUGH AND T. P. STOUT, Wardens.

Number of families 13. Whole number of souls 56. Baptisms, infants 1, adults 1, total 2. Confirmations 3. Actual communicants, present number, male 11, female 22, total 33. Public services, Sundays 102. other days 12; total 114. Holy Communion, public 13. Sunday-School, teachers 3, pupils 20. Church sittings 100. Rectory? Yes.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary, $129.42; miscellaneous Parish expenses, $56.

DIOCESAN: Diocesan assessment, $7; Diocesan missions, $20; miscellaneous, Bishop Pierce, $5.

Estimated value Church and grounds.....$2,441 55
Estimated value rectory..... 490 00

Total.....$2,931 55

MISSION OF THE REDEEMER, NASHVILLE.

THE REV. A. W. PIERCE, Priest in charge.

Number of families 3. Whole number of souls 14. Number baptised persons 14. Actual Fommunicants 7, present number male 2, female 5, total 7. Number confirmed persons 7. Public services, Sundays none, other days 12. Holy Communion, public 8. Church sittings 100. Rectory? No.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Rector's salary and Parish expenses, $16; miscellaneous (paid on organ), $40; total, $56.

Total offerings, $56.

Estimated value Church and grounds, $900.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Bishop	1
Clergy	15
Parishes and Missions	31
Church buildings	23
Rectories	16
Baptisms	165
Confirmed	204
Communicants	2,500
Marriages	25
Burials	73
Sunday School teachers	133
Sunday School scholars	1,234
Contributions	$ 28,273 15
Value of Church property	233,317 00

NOTE—St. Mark's Mission, Jonesboro, has been added to the list of Parishes and Missions since the list went to press. Trinity, Van Buren, and St. Andrew's, Mammoth Springs, failed to send in their Prochial reports, but statistics by their last reports are included in this summary.

APPENDIX VIII.

THE

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

AND

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

APPENDED TO THE JOURNAL BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL.

1896.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

PREAMBLE.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas conforms to the Constitutions and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as set forth by the General Convention of the same, to which Constitutions and Canons this Diocese hereby accedes, and subordinates herself, according to the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE I.

Of the Clergy and Laity.

There are three orders of the Clergy:

First—The Bishop, who exercises all the functions of the Ministry, presides over the Church by Apostolic Authority, and has the sole right to ordain, to confirm and to pronounce judicial sentence on offenders; and governs the Church in this Diocese according to the Holy Scriptures and the Canons of this Church.

Second—The Priests, or Presbyters, who preach the Word, administer the sacraments of the Church and have the oversight and pastoral care of the Laity in their several Congregations. They also have the right to advise their Bishop and to share in the government of the Church, according to the Canons.

Third—The Deacons, who, having received limited office in the general Ministry, serve in the same where they may be appointed by the Bishop. They are subject to the orders of the Bishop, cannot take the Rectorship

of a Church, and must be under the care and supervision of some priest, who shall direct them in their work.

The Laity are divided and organized, according to local convenience, into Parishes or Congregations. They commit the general management of their parochial business to a portion of their own number, annually elected, and called Wardens and Vestrymen. To these belong the administration of all the secular concerns of their particular Parish; but they have no part in the spiritual government of the Church, which belongs to the Clergy alone.

ARTICLE II.

Of the Council.

There shall be a Council of the Diocese annually, at such time and place as the Council may, from time to time, determine; and, in case of its failure to do so, the Bishop shall appoint the time and place. In the Council, the Bishop shall preside by virtue of his office. The clergy shall sit by right of their order, and the laity shall be represented by delegates chosen by the vestry for that purpose from among the male communicants of each congregation, or in case of organized Missions, to be appointed by the Minister in charge.

The Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall, *ex-officio*, be entitled to seats in the Council, with privilege of debate, but shall have no vote as such.

Special Councils may be called by the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee, when some urgent necessity may require our action by the Diocese.

Without the concurrence of the Clergy and the Laity, no rule or law of the Church can be adopted, changed or done away.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Organization of Congregations.

See Amendment Article III, page 29, Proceedings 1895, as follows:

"In the Diocese of Arkansas, all Parishes, Missions and congregations shall be organized in conformity with the Canon relating thereto, and no Parish shall have an organic existence or corporate life in said Diocese unless acknowledged by the Council and approved by the Bishop."

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Support and Advancement of the Church.

The Council, by Canon or resolution, may establish special funds—

First—For the support of the Episcopate.

Second—For the support of missionaries.

Third—For the support of aged and infirm clergymen.

Fourth—For church building.

Fifth—For education of men for the ministry; and take all other measures necessary for the advancement of Christ's kingdom: *Provided*, That this article does not imply any power to make any assessment except for the necessary expenses of the Diocese, *"which shall include all current expenses, and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund."

ARTICLE V.

Of the Administration of Justice.

The Clergy, Priests and Deacons may be tried by an ecclesiastical court, composed of Presbyters chosen for

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by adding the words in quotation marks. Confirmed by action of the Seventeenth Annual Council.

that purpose. But there shall be no such trial, except on due presentment, and according to the Canon for the trial of Clergymen set forth in this Diocese, and the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Tenure of Church Property.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose names the property of any Congregation or Parish may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee, under their hands given, grant, alienate or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of said Congregation or Parish nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amending the Constitution.

A proposal to amend this Constitution must be laid before the Council in writing, and, if approved, shall lie over until the next annual Council, and in the meantime, shall be notified to the Parishes; and then, if it be approved by the Bishop, and by two-thirds of the Clergy, and by two-thirds of the Laity present, voting by orders, the proposed admendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

THE CANONS.

ENACTED BY THE FIRST ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D., 1872. REVISED BY THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COUNCIL A. D., 1887, ALSO BY THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D., 1891, AND AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D., 1895.

TITLE I.

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

CANON I.*

OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The members of the Council shall consist of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese having the following qualifications: Every Clergyman having been admitted canonically by the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be a member of the Council; but no Clergyman shall be qualified to vote at the election of a Bishop unless he shall have been canonically and actually a resident of the Diocese for six months. Every Parish regularly organized as required by the Constitution, shall be entitled to send three Delegates to the Council, and every duly organized Mission Station shall be entitled to send one Delegate; *Provided always*, That such Delegates shall be communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by omitting the words, "Episcopate, Fund and the current," and in lieu thereof inserting the word "necessary." By the action of the Seventeenth Annual Council amended to read as now printed.

Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words, "and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment."

NOTE—By action of the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, it was ordered that the sections be numbered consecutively.

that no person under Ecclesiastical censure or process, whether Clergyman or Layman, shall be allowed a seat in the Council.

SEC. 2. The first standing committee appointed by the Bishop, after the Council has been duly organized, and the last to make a report, shall be a Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of one Priest and two Laymen, whose duty it shall be to consider the condition of each Parish and Mission, and to make an equitable assessment upon them, to be applied to the expenses of the Diocese, which shall include all current expenses and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund. The Lay Delegates from each Parish to the Diocesan Council shall, as a necessary part of their credentials, present to the Council the receipt of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or other satisfactory evidence, showing the payment of this assessment and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment. *Provided*, That the Council when formally organized, may, for good and sufficient reasons, excuse any delinquent Parish or Mission from the payment of any portion or all of this assessment.

SEC. 3. The Council shall, ordinarily, deliberate and vote without any distinction of orders; but any member may call for a division upon any question, and if this call is sustained by two other members, then the question shall be put first to the Clergy and next to the Laity, who shall vote by Parishes; and in such a case a majority of both orders shall be necessary to constitute an affirmative vote of the Council.

SEC. 4. The Bishop presides in Council by virtue of his office, and has the right to express his opinion upon every subject that may come before the Council. In the absence of the Bishop, the Council shall elect a Chairman

from the Clergy present. At each Council a Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a joint ballot of the whole body.

SEC. 5. When a Bishop is to be elected, the Council shall always vote by orders, in this wise: The Clergy shall make a nomination by ballot, and a majority of Lay Delegates, voting by Parishes, shall concur by ballot, in order to constitute an election.

SEC. 6. When any great necessity shall arise, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, may call a special Council. In such case, four weeks' notice shall be given to every Clergyman and to one of the Wardens in every Parish in the Diocese, stating the time, place and objects of the special Council; and no other matters shall be proposed or acted upon than thosespecified in the call of said special Council.

CANON II.*

OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of the Council shall keep in a fit book, full and exact records of all its acts, and shall preserve all papers, documents, memorials, etc., belonging to same, duly indorsed and filed in such way that they may be easily consulted whenever recourse to them may be necessary. He shall also prepare, under the direction of the Bishop at least one week before the meeting of the Council, a list of all the Ministers canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing their respective stations, distinguishing Priests from Deacons, but not inserting the

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words "or Trustee of any fund." Also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, by inserting the word "which" after the word funds, and the word "Council" instead of Auditing Committee, in section 8.

name of any Clergyman who is suspended from the Ministry. The list thus prepared shall be laid before the Council immediately after it shall be called to order, and the names of the clerical members shall be called therefrom. Nevertheless, the Council has power immediately to order the correction of any errors or omissions.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall have charge of the General Fund of the Diocese, and all other funds which the Council may commit to his care, and shall keep a strict account of the same in a fit book, with distinct places therein for all proper entries. He shall keep a regular account with all funds and with all persons and Parishes concerned, and shall annually exhibit a balance sheet to the Council. He shall indorse and file away all warrants, orders or other papers belonging to his department, and shall have his accounts audited at each Council by the Finance Committe.

SEC. 9. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, or Trustee of any fund, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint a fit person to fill the vacancy, who shall receive all records, funds and papers from the hands of the former officer or his legal representatives, and such appointee shall continue in office and perform all the duties thereof until the the ensuing Council shall have elected some one to fill the same.

CANON III.*

OF THE REGISTRAR.

SEC. 10. A Registrar shall be elected by the Council, into whose keeping shall be committed all documents pertaining to the history of the Church in the Diocese of

*Amended by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, to read: "Said Registrar shall," etc.

Arkansas, that are now, or may hereafter become, the property of the Council. Said Registrar shall preserve all documents herein referred to, in some suitable place of deposit, and shall hold them subject to such regulations as the Council may, from time to time, prescribe.

SEC. 11. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, and until another shall be chosen in his place.

CANON IV.*

OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL.

SEC. 12. Every Clergyman of the Diocese shall attend the Annual Council, unless he is excused by the Bishop.

SEC. 13. Every Parish shall send Lay Delegates to the Annual Council, and the Vestry shall make provision for their representation unless excused by the Council.

SEC. 14. No member of the Council shall leave the same during the sessions without having obtained leave of absence from the Council.

CANON V.

OF THE NUMBER NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

SEC. 15. A quorum for ordinary business at the Annual Council shall consist of such Clergy and Delegates from the Parishes as may be present; but, if the Bishop be not present, such quorum shall have power only to receive reports of committees and Parishes, and to refer the same; to elect the ordinary officers and committees, and to fix the time and place for the next Council. In the election of a Bishop, two-thirds of the Clergy and a majority of all the Parishes shall be present before the

*As amended by the action of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Annual Councils, and by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, a verbal change—"It shall be the duty," etc., to "The Vestry shall."

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Council proceed to elect. At any *called* Council, other than as provided for in Article II of the Constitution, a quorum shall consist of a majority of all the Clergy entitled to seats, and Lay Delegates from four or more Parishes.

CANON VI.

OF THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL.

SEC. 16. At the opening of every Council there shall be a celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon by a Priest appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver at that time a sermon or charge. And this *may* be preceded by Morning Prayer.

CANON VII.*

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 17. At every Annual Council there shall be elected three Priests and two Laymen, by ballot, as a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. They shall elect from their own body a President and Secretary. They shall meet on the summons of the President. A quorum shall consist of three, two of whom, at least, shall be Priests. When required, they shall vote by orders.

SEC. 18. The Secretary shall keep a regular record of their proceedings in a book, which shall belong to the Diocese, and which, together with all papers in the possession of the Committee, shall be open to the inspection of the Committee, or the Council or the Bishop when required.

SEC. 19. The Standing Committee shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish their advice; and they may meet, of their own accord and

*As amended by action of Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. And the President shall call a meeting at any time on the request in writing of any two members, or when he may deem it necessary.

SEC. 20. When the Episcopate is vacant, through any cause, the Standing Committee shall call a meeting forthwith, and, after consultation as to the time and place, summon a special Council of the Diocese, to elect a successor, with all convenient speed. *Provided*, That if such vacancy occur within less than six months before the Annual Council there shall be no special Council, but the election of a Bishop shall be deferred until the Annual Council; and during the vacancy, the Standing Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Ecclesiastical Authority consistent with their character as the administrators of the Diocese under Council.

CANON VIII.*

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 21. At every Council the Presiding Officer shall appoint standing committees on—

1. Credentials of Lay Delegates.
2. Ways and Means.
3. Admission of New Parishes.
4. State of the Church.
5. Auditing and Finance.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Constitution and Canons.

And on such other subjects as he may deem requisite to put the Council in possession of properly proposed information for their action.

*By the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council, the second section of Canon VIII was repealed.

CANON IX.*

OF THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

SEC. 22. Every Council shall elect Trustees for all funds that may be created.

SEC. 23. A Trustee shall be annually elected by the Council, who shall be known as the Trustee of the Episcopate Endowment Fund, and who shall be specially charged with the responsibility for the accumulation and investment of said fund. As often as the amounts received by him shall aggregate the sum of $50, he shall invest the same, under the supervision of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese. The said Trustee shall make annual reports to the Council of the condition of said fund and the investment thereof. Each year said Trustee shall execute a bond with two or more sureties, to the State of Arkansas, for the use and benefit of the Diocese thereof; said bond shall be for such sum as the Council may require, and affirmed by the Standing Committee, which bond, when so affirmed, said committee shall file with the Registrar of the Diocese, subject to the control of the Diocese.

CANON X.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 24. Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen at each Annual Council, and shall continue in office until others are chosen.

SEC. 25. The Deputies to the General Convention shall be elected by ballot, the Clergy and Laity separately elect-

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council; and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895. The verbal change, "The said Trustee shall," instead of "It shall be the duty," etc., and changing the last sentence to read as it now stands.

ing the Deputies and Substitutes of their respective orders.

SEC. 26. Substitutes for Deputies shall be elected one at a time; and, in the event of the resignation or inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such vacancy shall be filled by the Substitutes in the order of election, and the Journal must show the order of election of Substitutes, Clerical or Lay.

CANON XI.

OF PUBLISHING THE JOURNAL.

SEC. 27. The proceedings of the Council shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and duly distributed, unless the Council shall otherwise order.

CANON XII.

OF FAILURE TO ELECT OFFICERS.

SEC. 28. In all cases of failure to elect officers, whether in the Council or in the Parish, the persons last elected shall continue to serve with full power until their successors are elected.

CANON XIII.*

OF THE CHANCELLOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 29. There shall be elected by the Council, an officer learned in the law, under the title of Chancellor of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to act as the legal counsellor of the Bishop and of the Standing Committee, in matters affecting the interest of the Church, as his professional counsel may be asked or required. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall hold his office for the term of

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

three years, and, in the event of a vacancy, the Annual Council next ensuing shall elect a successor for the full term of three years.

SEC. 30. The Council shall annually elect two Laymen, learned in the law, who, together with the Chancellor, shall constitute the Judiciary Committee of the Diocese, and of which committee the Chancellor shall be chairman.

CANON XIV.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 31.

1. Calling the roll.
2. Presentation of the Certificates of Lay Delegates.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Election of Secretary.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees of the Council.
7. Annual Address of the Bishop.
8. Report of Standing Committee of the Diocese.
9. The Board of Missions shall sit at the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Council.
10. Report of Special Committees.
11. Report of the Trustees of the several Funds.
12. Report of the Auditing Committee.
13. Election of Treasurer.
14. Election of Standing Committee of the Diocese.
15. Report of Committee on State of the Church.
16. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.
17. Election of Trustees of the several Funds.

*As amended by the action of the Sixteenth Annual Council, the Twenty-first Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

18. Election of Trustees of the University of the South and other Trustees not specified.
19. Election of Registrar.
20. Election of Chancellor.
21. Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.
22. Miscellaneous Business.
23. Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

TITLE II.

OF PARISHES AND PARISH MINISTERS.

CANON I.

SEC. 32. All vacant Parishes shall be under the pastoral care of the Bishop. He shall provide for public worship, as far as he can, by occasional services of the Clergy, and by fit persons appointed as Lay Readers.

CANON II.*

SEC. 33. When any Parish shall have elected a Rector, and he shall have accepted the call, the Vestry shall file with the Bishop a minute of their Proceedings, including the particular agreement on their part and the acceptance of the elected Minister, showing that he accepts on the terms and agreements stipulated by the Vestry. The Bishop shall make record thereof, and the same shall be binding on the parties concerned, and held as a firm contract.

CANON III.

SEC. 34. The Rector shall preside at all Vestry meetings, if present, and open the same with prayer, and may advise, but not vote, on any question.

*Amended by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, to read: "The Vestry shall," instead of "It shall be the duty," etc.

SEC. 35. To the Rector belongs the control of the keys of the Church, and the right to open the Church for public prayer, sermons, chatechetical instructions, marriages, funerals, baptisms, and all rights and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, at all times when he may deem proper.

SEC. 36. The Church building shall never be used for any secular or profane purpose.

CANON IV.*

SEC. 37. Every Parish Minister shall keep a Parish Register, which shall be a well-bound book, and, as far as may be, uniform throughout the Diocese.

SEC. 38. In it shall be entered the names of all persons baptized, confirmed, married and buried in the Parish. It shall contain a list of all the communicants, of all families, and of individuals not thus included, belonging to the Parish, or regularly attending its services. A record of all collections made in the Church shall be kept.

SEC. 39. From this Register shall the annual parochial reports be made to the Council, under all the heads that may be required by the Council or Canons.

CANON V.*

SEC. 40. The Vestry shall report, annually, to the Council, by their delegates, a full statement of their financial condition, according to general order of the Council. This statement shall contain the amount and value of their property and the net income of their Parish.

*As amended (verbal changes) by the action of the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

CANON VI.

SEC. 41. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to make a full exhibit to the Bishop, at the time of his annual visitation, if he shall so require, of all their affairs, and receive from him counsel and advice for the conduct of the affairs of the Parish.

CANON VII.

SEC. 42. The organization of a new Parish shall be forthwith notified to the Bishop, and, if approved by him, the Parish may elect a Rector, and send Delegates and apply for admission to the Council.

SEC. 43. But if the new Parish proposed to be organized be within the territorial bounds of any existing Parish, the Bishop shall notify the Rector and Wardens thereof, and if objections be made thereto, notice shall be given to both parties, and the Bishop, within thirty days thereafter, shall hear the same before the Standing Committee, and the decision of the Standing Committee, approved by the Bishop, shall determine the case. *Provided*, That no Parish within any city shall be divided for the purpose of forming a new and independent Parish, within its boundaries, except by express order of the Council.

CANON VIII.

SEC. 44. Congregations, Parishes, and the members thereof, shall never recognize any suspended Clergyman, otherwise than as declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

SEC. 45. If any Parish, or the members thereof, shall take part with a contumacious Clergyman, they shall forfeit their rights in the Council.

SEC. 46. All Parochial property is held by a tenure subject to this rule.

SEC. 47. In case any Congregation should be so far forgetful of the honor of God's Church as to transgress in this matter, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or of the Trustees of the General Fund, to proceed at once to recover all the Church's property in such contumacious Parish, and to reduce it to the control of the Diocese.

SEC. 48. The organization of every Parish shall recognize this rule, and, if it be not expressed in the Articles of Association, their admission into union with the Council shall bind them to this law.

TITLE III.

OF CONVOCATIONS, DIOCESAN MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

CANON I.*

SEC. 49. The Bishop may divide the Diocese into Districts, naming the town in each District, which shall be the center of a Missionary work; and every Clergyman in the Diocese of every Parish and Missionary Station shall be assigned to one or the other of the Missionary centers.

SEC. 50. The Clergy and Laity of each District, when organized, shall constitute a Convocation, and have charge of the Missionary work in the field assigned by the Bishop.

*As amended by action of the Twenty-first Annnal Council.

SEC. 51. The Bishop shall appoint one of the Clergy in each District as Dean of Convocation. The Convocation shall elect a Secretary, who shall be a Clergyman, and a Treasurer, who shall be a Layman.

SEC. 52. The Convocation shall be governed by such rules as they shall adopt, with the Bishop's approval, and each shall report through its Dean to the Bishop annually.

SEC. 53. Every Parish shall, by its Vestry, appoint one Delegate to the Convocation.

SEC. 54. In Missionary Stations, the Missionary in charge, or Dean of Convocation, shall appoint the Lay Delegate.

CANON II.

SEC. 55. All organized Mission Stations shall be under the control of the Bishop and Missionary Committee.

SEC. 56. All Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop.

SEC. 57. Missionary Stations duly organized shall report to the Annual Council the same as the Parishes, and shall be entitled to send one Delegate, who shall have the right to debate, but not to vote.

CANON III.

SEC. 58. In any community where there are twelve baptized adults, one of whom shall be a male communicant, desirous of organizing a Missionary Station, they shall assemble themselves—their own Missionary being present, or, if they have no Missionary, any Clergyman of the Diocese being present and consenting—and adopt the following form of organization, affixing their signatures thereto, and sending a copy of the same to the Bishop of the Diocese for his approval:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Congregation, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

"Article I. This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of the ———— Mission.

"Article II. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by the Constitutions, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article III. When any person uniting with this Association shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding Article, he shall cease to be a member of this Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privilege of voting in the election of officers, of being elected an officer, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; *but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.*

"Article IV. In this Mission, regular attendants at the services of the Church shall be entitled to vote for officers and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article V. The officers of this Association shall be: The Minister in charge as President *ex-officio;* a Warden, who must be a male communicant, and appointed by the Minister; a Secretary and a Treasurer, elected by ballot

annually the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as possible, due notice having been given of time and place of election.

"Article VI. The duties of these officers shall be the same as those of like officers in organized Parishes.

"Article VII. All lands, tenements, or other property, real or personal, of this Association, shall vest in the Bishop of the Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of the Mission.

"Article VIII. We promise to pay the sum of $—— per annum for the support of the Missionary whom the Bishop or Missionary Committee may send to us."

CANON IV.*

SEC. 59. The members of the Church in the Diocese are by their baptism, the Missionary Society of the Diocese, and the Diocesan Council is the proper Board of Missions of the Diocese.

SEC. 60. The Diocesan Council shall sit as a Board of Missions at such times as the Council shall itself determine by its rules of order, or by special vote at any time.

SEC. 61. When the Council is not in session, the Missionary interests of the Diocese shall be cared for by a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, as President *ex-officio*, the General Missionary, if there be one, and three Clergymen and three Laymen, to be elected annually by the Council, sitting as the Board of Missions.

SEC. 62. The Board of Managers shall have power to regulate all matters of Missionary work not ordered by

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

the Council of the Diocese; *Provided*, That all appointments and removals of Missionaries shall be made by the Bishop alone, or, in his absence, by the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and that no new Mission shall be opened, no old Mission abandoned, and no change made in the stipend of any particular Missionary, without the Bishop's consent.

SEC. 63. The Board of Managers shall be organized by the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, and its meetings shall be held not less than *four* times during the year.

SEC. 64. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall receive, hold and pay out funds subject to the order of the Board of Managers. His accounts shall be audited by the Council as a separate and distinct fund.

SEC. 65. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to make a report to the Board of Missions at the close of the year's work, reviewing the proceedings of the Board of Managers itself and the Missionary work of the Diocese.

SEC. 66. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions. *Provided, however*, That the General Missionary thus appointed shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings for new work.

TITLE IV.

OF VESTRIES AND WARDENS AND THEIR DUTIES, ETC.

CANON I.*

SEC. 67. Annually, at a meeting on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be, the members of the Parish entitled to vote shall elect from the male communicants of the Parish not less than three nor more than eleven Vestrymen, of whom the rector or minister shall appoint one as Senior Warden and the Vestry shall elect another as Junior Warden. *Provided*, That the congregation worshiping in the Cathedral Church may, on the Monday in Easter week, or as early thereafter as practicable, elect into a Chapter not less than three nor more than eleven male communicants to represent them, subject to the laws and regulations governing parochial representation; and, *provided further*, that this qualification as to Vestrymen shall not affect the eligibility to future election of any person now serving as a Vestryman.

SEC. 68. Notice of the election shall be given on Easter Day, or at the service last preceding the election, after morning prayer, and the congregation duly warned of the importance of the election.

SEC. 69. The Vestry-elect shall meet within ten days thereafter, and organize by the election of the Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary. As soon as the offices are filled, the Secretary and Treasurer, if not re-elected, shall pass over to their successors the books, papers, accounts and moneys in their hands. The Vestry shall then

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SEC. 66. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions. *Provided, however*, That the General Missionary thus appointed shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings for new work.

pay them out on the order of the Vestry in the manner they shall provide. Two weeks before Easter, every year, the Treasurer shall present to the Vestry a full statement of his accounts, and the Vestry shall audit the same, and, if found correct, order the annual balance to be made up in accordance therewith.

SEC. 76. The Minister may call meetings of the Vestry whenever he shall desire, and shall call a meeting when requested by any two members of the Vestry, of which he shall give due notice; but meetings may be held at regular periods by regulation of the Vestry. At every meeting, the minutes in the former meeting shall be read and approved, or corrected and approved.

SEC. 77. It shall be the special duty of the Vestry, at the time of public service, or other meeting in the Church, to see that the Congregation is properly seated, and in the performance of this duty they shall give special attention to strangers.

CANON II.*

FORM FOR ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

SEC. 78. Hereafter all Parishes shall be be organized by the adoption of the following form of organization:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Parish, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Annual Councils, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

"Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of 'The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of ——— Church.'

"Article 2. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be govered by, the Constitutions, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article 3. When any person, uniting with this Association, shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding Article, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privileges of voting in the election of Vestrymen, of being elected a Vestryman, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; *but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.*

"Article 4. In this Parish all communicants of the Church, of lawful age, who are duly registered, shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen, and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article 5. The Vestrymen of ——— Church shall be elected annually, on the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as may be, by a majority of the voters assembled for that purpose, notice to that effect having been given publicly to the congregation on the preceding Sunday. The Vestrymen so elected shall continue in office one year, or until their successors are chosen.

"Article 6. The rector of ——— Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting, which shall be duly convened for that purpose, they having due regard in all such elections to the previously as-

certained wishes of the congregation, and *especially* of the *communicants* of the Church.

"Article 7. No person shall be chosen rector or minister, or associate rector or assistant minister of ——— Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the sacred ministry in the same, unless he be recognized by the Bishop having charge of this Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the same, as an ordained minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in good standing. *Provided*, That nothing in this article shall prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing, to officiate occasionally in the Church, or interfere with the performance of the usual services by the lay readers, duly appointed so to officiate in the absence of the rector or minister.

"Article 8. The annual rents, contributions and other revenues raised by this congregation, shall be applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the rector or minister, and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purpose whatever.

"Article 9. This Association, or the rector, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose name the property of ——— Church may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, under his hand given, grant, alienate, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages or hereditaments, in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge, nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

"Article 10. In case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tene-

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SEC. 79. Hereafter no organized Mission shall be admitted as a Parish into union with this Council until it shall have a Church building and can show positive evidence of its ability to contribute at least *four hundred dollars* per annum to the support of a rector; and whenever a Parish shall no longer be able to contribute said amount for said purpose, or no longer have enough male communicants to constitute a Vestry, the Bishop shall be authorized to remand said Parish to the condition of a Mission.

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thy or unfit persons may be admitted to the Ministry, whether they be Clergymen or Laymen, they shall be subject to Ecclesiastical censure.

TITLE V.*

TRIAL OF MINISTERS.

SEC. 81. Every Clergyman in this Diocese shall be liable to presentment and trial for the following offenses, to-wit:

First—Crime and immorality.

Second—Holding and teaching, publicly or privately, and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that expressly and generally set forth in the standards of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Third—Violation of the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention, or of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Arkansas.

Fourth—Any act that involves a breach of his ordination vows.

SEC. 82. If a minister of this Church shall be found guilty of any of the offenses enumerated in the foregoing section, he shall be admonished, suspended or degraded.

SEC. 83. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial a charge or charges, with specifications, shall be made to the Judiciary Committee, signed by at least two male communicants of the Church, affirming that the same is true, and that the accusers will make the charge or charges good. Should the Bishop have reason to believe that a Clergyman is guilty of any or all of the above named

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SEC. 85. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Priest to this Diocese. The Standing Committee shall give the accused thirty days' notice of the time and place of trial, and shall also deliver to him at the same time, a copy of the charges preferred against him; and he shall not be required to answer to anything not contained in the presentment.

SEC. 86. At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the Court shall assemble at the place designated, and choose a President and Clerk from their own number; and

they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted, if rules of Ecclesiastical trial have not already been set forth by authority. *Provided, however*, That all the evidence heard at the trial shall be reduced to writing at the time it is given, and signed by the witness before he leaves the room.

SEC. 87. The accused shall be allowed counsel, whom he may choose from among the Priests of the Church, and he may also advise with a Lay communicant learned in the law. If the accused decline to choose counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for him from the Priests of the Diocese.

SEC. 88. If the accused shall not appear for trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the Court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended by the Bishop from the exercise of all Clerical functions for the space of three months. And if, in three months, he shall not apply for trial, at any time afterwards, with the consent and advice of the Standing Committee, the Bishop may proceed to pronounce upon the recusant the sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

SEC. 89. But if, in the three months above named, the accused shall appear for trial, the Court may proceed on the presentment originally made, and shall adjudge him guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence. The court shall render their verdict before separation; and if it shall be guilty, they shall designate the penalty or degree of censure, which, in their judgment, ought to be pronounced against him; which the Bishop may not exceed, though he may modify it.

Immediately upon rendering the verdict, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court to notify the Bishop of the

action of the Court, delivering to him all the pleadings and evidence in the case; and he shall, at the end of ten days, pronounce sentence, unless the condemned has appealed to him from the verdict of the Court. In case of appeal, the Bishop shall give notice to both the Judge Advocate and the accused, that on a day fixed he will hear the case on appeal. At such hearing the accused shall have the right to be represented by a Lay communicant learned in the law, and the Bishop may call two of the neighboring Diocesans, who shall sit with him at the hearing, to assist him in arriving at a correct determination.

SEC. 90. The Clerk of such Ecclesiastial Court shall keep a record of all the proceedings, which shall contain a copy of the presentment, the specifications under particular charges, the notice to the accused, his answer, his plea or pleas, a clear statement of the evidence for and against, both oral and written, and the judgment of the Court. An attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop.

SEC. 91. On hearing the case on appeal, the Bishop, or the Bishop and his Assessors, shall confirm the decision of the Court, and at once pronounce sentence; or, order a new trial, stating in order the reason and grounds of such decision, in which case a new Court shall be formed, after the same manner as before; or, reverse the decision of the Court, according to the finding in the case, and shall declare him innocent accordingly. When the sentence of the Court is less than deposition, the Bishop may, for reasons satisfactory to him, reprieve or wholly pardon the condemned.

SEC. 92. Every summons, notice or citation, mentioned in the proceedings, shall be deemed to be duly

served by the delivery of a written notice to the person to be summoned, notified or cited, or by leaving it or a certified copy at his residence, or last known residence, by a person duly appointed in writing, by the Standing Committee or Court, as the case may require. Depositions must be taken according to the rules of law.

SEC. 93. The Court may adjourn from day to day, or to a day certain, for the purpose of allowing parties to obtain evidence that they may affirm to be necessary to the maintenance of their cause; but to obtain a postponement of trial for more than three days, the party making the motion shall solemnly affirm that such postponement is sought, not for delay, but that justice may be done, and that he expects thereby to obtain evidence which is material to his cause, and which he cannot now produce.

SEC. 94. Suspensions from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, *ipso facto*, sever the connection between a Clergyman and his Parish.

SEC. 95. If any Clergyman shall be contumacious when suspended, and attempt to perform any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry, the Bishop shall at once cite him before the Standing Committee; and, if the alleged facts be admitted or proven by sufficient evidence, on having been duly cited, such suspended Clergyman shall not appear, or give reasons for not appearing, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may proceed at once to pronounce upon said recusant the grave sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

SEC. 96. No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto in the manner provided in this Canon.

SEC. 97. If an accused Clergyman shall, to avoid notice or citation, remove himself out of the Diocese, he

may be duly served with all notices by publication in some newspaper published at the capital of the State, or the Church newspaper which the Bishop shall have adopted as the official organ of the Diocese.

SEC. 98. If there shall be a necessity for the trial of a Clergyman, at any time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all the acts assigned by this Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SEC. 99. Any resort to a civil court, on the part of the accused, for the purpose of impeding, delaying, or avoiding trial, shall be treated as contumacy, and shall be sufficient cause to suspend such Clergyman from the exercise of the Ministry for contumacy, until he shall appear and demand a trial.

SEC. 100. No Clergyman under trial or suspension, or against whom charges have been presented by the Standing Committee, can be transferred to any other Diocese, or be received therefrom; and if charges are made against a Clergyman who has already obtained letters dimissory, said charges shall be sent to the Diocese to which the letters were taken, within six months after the date of said letters, and not later; and if such letters have not been presented and received at the time, the party shall be remanded to his Diocese for trial, and his letters dimissory thereby revoked.

SEC. 101. All rights, claims and privileges, which any Clergyman may enjoy, or have a right to enjoy or receive, in the Diocese, by virtue of her general law, or by particular Canon, are, by the sentence of suspension or deposition, *ipso facto*, forfeited and rendered void; and every Clergyman shall hold his ecclesiastical rights subject to this tenure.

TITLE VI *

OF THE AMENDMENT OF CANONS.

SEC. 102. No Canon or part of Canon can be amended except in the following manner: Any proposed amendment shall, after being introduced at any Council, lie over until a succeeding Council for final action, and must then receive a two-thirds vote. *Provided*, That any regular Council shall have power to amend any Canon by unanimous consent.

*Added by action of the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

Standing Resolutions.

1. That the Secretary make out and cause to be printed in the Journal of this Council, immediately after the list of Clergy, a list of the Parishes and Missions in this Diocese—1878, page 22.

2. That there be reported in the Parochial Reports, in addition to the report of the gross number of Communicants, the number *actually* communicating in the twelve months preceding Epiphany; said number of actual Communicants to be only for information of the Council, and not to be entered on the Journal—1879, page 16.

3. That the name of the mover of any resolution be always annexed to the same—1881, page 12.

4. That the two schools (University of the South and Columbia Female College), be recommended to the Diocese as worthy of patronage in the education of the sons and daughters of the Church—1882, page 14.

5. That each Parish may, at its option, pay its assessment in quarterly installments—1887, page 28.

6. That the Diocesan Council strongly recommend that an offering be taken annually in every Parish and Mission of the Diocese for the purposes and at the dates named:

On Advent Sunday, for the University of the South.

On first Sunday in Lent and on Trinity Sunday, for Diocesan Missions.

On Septuagesima Sunday or on Easter Day, for the Episcopate Fund.

On Thanksgiving Day, for Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese—1888, page 13.

7. That the Secretary be instructed to send one month before the meeting of the Council to each Parish in union with the Diocese, and to all Mission Stations, a form of Parochial Report, with request that they report to the Bishop five (5) days before the meeting of the Council--1888, page 17.

8. That the necessary expenses of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, in attending the regular meetings, be paid by the Treasurer of the Diocese, on the certificate of the Secretary of the Committee—1889, page 17.

9. That the Treasurer of each of the funds be, and is hereby requested to send to the Wardens of the Parishes a fortnight's notice of each special offering recommended by the Council—1891, page 19.

10. That the members of the Council, in addressing the presiding officer, shall address him as "Mr. President," and that this title be given him in the Journal of the Proceedings—1891, page 28.

11. That the various Parishes and Missions be requested to make a contribution annually to be paid to the Bishop for this purpose (extinguishing the debt on St. Paul's Church property at Dardanelle, now reduced to $279) until the debt is extinguished—1895, page 28.

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Notice.

The form of Parochial Reports has been amended by inserting after the words "No. of Baptized Persons," the words, "ON THE PARISH REGISTER."

Also, the word "Actual" before the word "Communicants" has been stricken out, and the item has been ordered to read: "No. OF PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMUNICATED DURING THE PAST YEAR."

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JOHN M. DAGGETT, Secretary.

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The Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Dean Trinity Cathedral.....Little Rock
The Rev. R. S. James, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Eureka Sp'gs
The Rev. James W. Keeble, Rector of St. Paul's, Batesville, and St. Paul's, Newport.....P. O. Batesville
The Rev. C. H. Lockwood, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church ...Helena
The Rev. James Noble, Assistant Rector at Christ Church..Little Rock
The Rev. Edw. L. Ogilby, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marianna and Church of the Good Shepherd.....Forrest City
The Rev. A. W. Pierce, Rector of Grace, Washington; St. James', Prescott; Church of the Redeemer, Nashville.....P. O. Hope
The Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rector of St. John's Church.....Camden
The Rev. Geo. G. Smeade, Rector of Trinity Church.....Pine Bluff
The Rev. D. L. Trimble, B. D.....Pine Bluff
The Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church ...Fayetteville
The Rev. E. J. Williams, Missionary at Brinkley, Jonesboro and Imboden.....P. O. Mammoth Spring

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

C. E. Byers.....Little Rock

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

With Names of Lay Delegates.

Arkansas City—Mission.

Batesville—St. Paul's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Hamilton S. Coleman*	Dr. Wm. Lawrence
John C. Fitzhugh	James B. Fitzhugh
Wm. Ramsey*	John Warner

Brinkley—Mission.

Camden—St. John's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Caleb H. Stone	Hamilton Smith
Jos. A. Reeves*	Orlin C. Reeves
P. Lynch Lee	Reece Locket

Center Point—Mission.

Dardanelle—St. Paul's.

Eureka Springs—St. James.

Fayetteville—St. Paul's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Frank Hill	
Geo. F. Blanchard	
R. V. McCracken*	

Forrest City—Church of the Good Shepherd.

Delegates.	Alternates.
John Gatling*	Needam E. Ingram
Ellis Turley*	Edwin Landvoigt
Curtis L. Knight	Harry A. Knight

Fort Smith—St. John's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Edward F. Furner*	Dr. J. H. Foster
Wm. B. Smith*	Dr. W. T. Cate
Isaac A. Hammond	Judge R. B. Rutherford

Helena—St. John's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Dr. Hector M. Grant	Gen. Jas. C. Tappan*
Chas. H. Purvis	Greenfield Quarles*
Sam'l S. Faulkner*	Peter O. Thweatt

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*Present at the Council.

Hope—St. Mark's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
J. T. West*	
Geo. R. Ruffin*	
M. H. Barlow*	

Hot Springs—St. Luke's.

Delegates.	Alternate.
Geo. G. Latta*	Morris C. Tombler
Richard B. Bancroft*	
Harry R. Vaughan	

Imboden—Mission.

Jonesboro—St. Mark's Mission—Elliot F. McVeigh*.

Lake Village—Emmanuel Mission.

Little Rock—Trinity Cathedral.

Delegates.	Alternates.
P. K. Roots*	Chas. K. Lincoln
Col. Wm. G. Whipple*	J. W. Beidelman*
Arthur F. Adams*	C. D. Hemming*

Christ Church.

Dr. Wm. A. Cantrell*	Herbert Wassell*
W. Fulton Wright*	Fay Hempstead*
Chas. T. Coffman*	Arthur Van Etten

St. Philip's.

Adolphus W. Cole*
Samuel Spight*
John A. Buchanan

Mammoth Spring—St. Andrew's.

Marianna—St. Andrew's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
John M. Daggett*	Jas. P. Dunham
F. Noel Burke	Frank H. Govan
Wm. G. Barnes	Edw. D. Ragland

Morrilton—St. Agnes'.

Delegates.
John Stout*
W. M. Scarborough*
W. E. DeLong*

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*Present at the Council.

Nashville—Church of the Redeemer.

Newport—St. Paul's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Launcelot Minor	G. A. Hillhouse*
Gustave Jones	Jno. Flynn
Geo. Henry Ferris	Board Bond

Pine Bluff—Trinity.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Day Mills*	Geo. Valliant, Sr.
N. B. Trulock*	Robert Lee
Fred. L. Dilley	Mr. — Ellis

Prescott—St. James' Mission.

Richmond—Mission.

Rocky Comfort—Mission.

Van Buren—Trinity.

Washington—Grace Mission.

Winslow—Mission.

RECTORIES.

The following Parishes have Rectories:

St. Paul's.....Batesville
St. Paul's.....Dardanelle
St. John's.....Fort Smith
Trinity Cathedral.....Little Rock
Christ Church.....Little Rock
St. Philip's.....Little Rock
St. Andrew's.....Mammoth Spring
Trinity.....Van Buren
St. John's.....Camden
St. Paul's.....Fayetteville
St. John's.....Helena
St. Paul's.....Newport
Trinity.....Pine Bluff
Grace.....Washington
St. Agnes' Church.....Morrilton
St. Andrew's.....Marianna

*Present at the Council.

Journal of Proceedings.

First Day.

MORNING SESSION.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas convened at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on Friday, May 7, 1897.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. John Gass, assisted by Rev. James Noble, at 10 o'clock, and Holy Communion was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese; the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, B. D., of Helena, read the Epistle; the Rev. James J. Vaulx, B. D., of Fayetteville, read the Holy Gospel, and Rev. James Noble acted as Deacon.

In place of the sermon the Bishop read his annual address.
(See Appendix I.)

After service the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

The Secretary called the roll of Clergy, and all were found present, to-wit:

Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D., Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. Wm. Cross, Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, Rev. Geo. W. Flowers, Rev. John Gass, Very Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Rev. Richard S. James, D. D., Rev. James W. Keeble, Rev. C. H.

Lockwood, B. D., Rev. James Noble, Rev. Edw. L. Ogilby, Rev. A. W. Pierce, Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. Geo. Gordon Smeade, Rev. D. L. Trimble, Rev. James J. Vaulx, B. D., Rev. E. J. Williams.

The Bishop appointed Rev. R. S. James and Rev. G. W. Flowers Committee on Credentials, who reported that the following Parishes had paid their Conciliar assessments, and presented certificates of their Lay Delegates in proper form and were entitled to representation, to-wit:

St. Paul's—Batesville.

St. James'—Camden.

St. Paul's—Fayetteville.

Good Shepherd—Forrest City.

St. John's—Helena.

St. Luke's—Hot Springs.

Trinity Cathedral—Little Rock.

Christ Church—Little Rock.

St. Philip's—Little Rock.

St. Andrew's—Marianna.

St. Paul's—Newport.

Trinity—Pine Bluff.

And further reported that St. John's, Fort Smith, had paid $30 on its assessment, leaving an unpaid balance of $23.

The roll of Lay Delegates was then called and the following found present:

Batesville—H. S. Coleman, Wm. Ramsey.

Camden—Jos. A. Reeves.

Fayetteville—R. V. McCracken.

Fort Smith—Edward F. Furner, Wm. B. Smith.

Helena—Samuel S. Faulkner, Jas. C. Tappan, Greenfield Quarles.

Hot Springs—Geo. G. Latta.

Little Rock—Trinity Cathedral, Major P. K. Roots, Colonel Wm. G. Whipple, Arthur F. Adams; C. D. Hemming, alternate. Christ Church, Dr. Wm. A. Cantrell.

Marianna—John M. Daggett.

Pine Bluff—Day Mills, N. B. Trulock.

A quorum being present, the Council proceeded to elect a Secretary, and, on motion, John M. Daggett was duly elected.

On motion, the question of the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the balance of $23 on Diocesan assessment of St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, was remitted, and the list of Lay Delegates was called, Edward F. Furner and Wm. B. Smith answering to their names.

The Council took a recess till 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Trinity Cathedral, Friday, May 7, 1897, 3 p. m.

The Council was called to order after recess by the Bishop.

Committee on Credentials reported that St. Agnes Parish, Morrilton; St. Mark's Mission, Jonesboro, had paid their respective Conciliar assessments and presented certificates of Lay Delegates in proper form.

Roll of Lay Delegates was called and the following answered to their names:

Forrest City—John Gatling, Ellis Turley.

Morrilton—John Stout.

Jonesboro—Elliot F. McVeigh.

Christ Church—W. Fulton Wright.

The Bishop, in compliance with the Canon, appointed the following Standing Committees of the Council:

Ways and Means—Rev. R. S. James, D. D., R. V. McCracken and Day Mills.

New Parishes—Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, Dr. W. A. Cantrell and John M. Daggett.

State of the Church—Revs. W. T. Allen, E. J. Williams, A. W. Pierce and G. W. Flowers, Messrs. N. B. Trulock, Wm. B. Smith and P. K. Roots.

Auditing Committee—W. Fulton Wright and John Gatling.

Unfinished Business—Rev. James Noble, John M. Daggett and Edward F. Furner.

Constitution and Canons—Revs. J. J. Vaulx, C. H. Lockwood, John Gass and Geo. G. Smeade, Messrs. Wm. G. Whipple, Jas. C. Tappan, Geo. G. Latta and H. S. Coleman.

The Bishop's address and the Parochial reports were referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese read their report.

(See Appendix II.)

The Special Committee on Increase of the Permanent Episcopate Fund submitted its report.

(See Appendix III.)

S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, submitted his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix IV.)

Major P. K. Roots submitted his reports as Treasurer of the Diocese, which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix V.)

Rev. John Gass, Clerical Trustee of the University of the South, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

(See Appendix VI.)

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers, first of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Revs. C. H. Lockwood, John Gass and D. I. Hobbs, Clerical members, and Maj. P. K. Roots and W. Fulton Wright, Lay members, having each received a majority of all the ballots cast, were declared elected.

The Secretary was directed to cast the entire vote of the Council for Mr. Arthur F. Adams for Registrar. Secretary cast thirty-three votes for Mr. Adams and he was declared elected Registrar.

The Secretary was directed to cast the entire vote of the Council for Colonel Wm. G. Whipple for Chancellor. The Secretary reported thirty-three votes for Colonel Whipple, and he was declared duly elected.

Rev. James J. Vaulx, B. D., was unanimously elected Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

A motion to reconsider the motion making the question of election of a Bishop-Coadjutor special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, was lost.

Committee on Constitution and Canons reported, recommending the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution unanimously adopted at the last Council (proceedings 1896, page 20) to-wit:

"Resolved, That the Constitution be amended as follows:

"Article 7. Of the Cathedral. The Parish known as Trinity Cathedral Parish, Little Rock, shall be and remain the Cathedral Parish."

"Change the number of Article 7 to Article 8."

It appearing that by an oversight of the Secretary the Parishes had not been constitutionally notified of the pending amendment, the following resolution was substituted and adopted:

Resolved, That the amendment lie over until the next Annual Council, and that the Secretary notify the Parishes of the proposed amendment, as required by the Constitution.

Mr. Geo. G. Latta, of St. Luke's, Hot Springs, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the recommendation of the Bishop that a Coadjutor be elected at this session of the Council be adopted and accepted as the action of the Council."

By vote of the Council consideration of the resolution was postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Voted that the business sessions of this Council be from 9 o'clock to 11:30 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. unless otherwise ordered.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Second Day.

MORNING SESSION.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Saturday, May 8, 1897, 9 a.m.

Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev. Geo. W. Flowers, assisted by Rev. James Noble.

After service the Council convened pursuant to adjournment, Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., in the chair.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Committee on Credentials reported that St. Mark's, Hope, had paid its Conciliar assessment and presented certificates of its Lay Delegates.

Roll of Lay Delegates was called and the following were found present:

St. Philip's—Samuel Spight, Adolphus W. Cole.

Christ Church—Herbert Wassell and Fay Hempstead, alternates.

Hot Springs—Richard B. Bancroft.

Morrilton—W. M. Scarborough, W. E. DeLong.

Newport—G. A. Hillhouse.

Hope—J. T. West, Geo. R. Ruffin, M. H. Barlow.

The Secretary was authorized to appoint an assistant, and appointed Rev. James Noble.

The Bishop assumed the chair.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the special order, the subject of the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor, was taken up and the Bishop read his written consent and assignment of duties, which is as follows:

To the Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas:

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity—I hereby give my consent to the election of a Coadjutor Bishop for the Diocese of Arkansas, and I desire and request that such election be made as soon as possible. I am now nearing the age of four-score. I need the assistance, which can be extended to me in this way only, in the labors already incumbent on me. I need a Coadjutor still more in order to extend the Church in Arkansas. If you will look over the earlier journals of this Council, you will find there the reports of no little strictly Missionary work done. I lament that I cannot do as much now. Yet the work must be done. Therefore I shall assign all of the Mission work of the Diocese to the Coadjutor. He will also assist me in the care and visitation of all the Parishes already established. Gradually, or speedily as the case may be, all of the Episcopal duties of the Diocese will devolve upon him; how soon this will be, God only knows.

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., May 7, 1897.

On motion, the Council adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Council go into committee of the whole, to which the whole subject is referred."

The Council thereupon went into committee of the whole, with Chancellor Wm. G. Whipple in the chair.

A motion to limit debate to five minute speeches was carried.

After some discussion the Rev. Dr. James submitted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the committee rise and report to the Council in favor of the resolution to proceed to an election of a Bishop-Coadjutor."

The resolution was lost.

The hour of recess having arrived, it was voted to continue the session for one hour.

After further discussion it was voted that the committee rise and report in favor of the adoption of Mr. Latta's resolution.

The committee rose and the Council resumed its session, with the Bishop in the chair.

Chairman Whipple reported the action of the committee of the whole and moved the adoption of the resolution.

A call for a vote by orders was sustained, and the vote upon the adoption of Mr. Latta's resolution resulted as follows:

Clerical, ayes 15, noes 2; Lay, ayes 12, noes 1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Council took a recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY, 2 P. M.

Council reconvened after recess, with the Bishop in the chair.

This being the hour designated in the order of business for the Council to meet as a Board of Missions it was voted that the meeting as a Board of Missions be postponed until 8 o'clock p. m.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted the Clergy retired to a private apartment to consider the nomination of a Bishop-Coadjutor, and after deliberation, reported as follows:

"To the Laity of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas:

"The Rev. Wm. M. Brown has received the necessary vote for nomination. H. N. PIERCE,

Attest: Bishop.

JAMES NOBLE, Secretary."

The Laity retired, and, after consideration of the nomination, a ballot was taken with the following result:

To confirm, 6; to reject, 8.

So the nomination of Rev. Wm. M. Brown was not confirmed.

Upon reassembling the Council, as a Council, took a recess till 8 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY, 8 P. M.

Council met as a Board of Missions and adjourned to meet on Monday next, at 3 p. m.

The Council resumed its session.

Mr. Fay Hempstead, of Christ Church, submitted the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Diocesan Council of Arkansas,

1. That until otherwise ordered the stipend of the Bishop-Coadjutor of this Diocese be $2,500 per annum, payable monthly.

2. That for the purpose of paying such stipend an assessment on the basis of $1 for each communicant be and the same is

hereby levied upon each Parish and Mission in this Diocese, to be paid by July 1 of each year. Each Parish or Mission, as the case may be, shall take the necessary steps to collect said assessment, and the Treasurer thereof shall transmit the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

3. That for the purpose of aiding in the payment of such stipend the income of the Episcopate Fund, over and above what may be necessary for the payment of the monthly dues on the Building Association stock thereof, or that may be necessary to otherwise properly preserve such fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary to make up the deficiency in such stipend, shall be paid over by the Treasurer of the Episcopate Fund to the Diocesan Treasurer.

4. That the Diocesan Treasurer shall make a separate annual report to this Council of the amounts received and disbursed by him on account of such stipend.

FAY HEMPSTEAD,

Alternate Delegate from Christ Church Parish.

Which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Clergy retired to consider further the nomination of a Bishop-Coadjutor, and, after deliberation, reported as follows:

"The Clergy postpone action till called together by the Bishop."

A cordial invitation by Mr. Day Mills, on behalf of the Parish, was extended to the Council to hold its next annual session at Trinity Church, Pine Bluff.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the next Annual Council be held in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff."

Voted that the time of meeting of the next Annual Council be fixed for the first Wednesday in May, 1898.

Adjourned till Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

Third Day.

MORNING SESSION.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, May 10, 1897, 10 a. m.

Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., assisted by Rev. A. W. Pierce.

After service Council convened pursuant to adjournment, with the Bishop in the chair.

A call of the roll showed seventeen Clergy and Lay Delegates of ten Parishes present, being the necessary quorum to proceed in the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor.

Chancellor Whipple raised the point of order that it was contrary to the Canon for the Clergy to retire to nominate, and that all action must be taken in open Council.

The chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken, and that if the Canon was in any way ambiguous its construction was settled by a precedent established at the Council in which the Canon was first adopted and by usage in other Dioceses.

The Chancellor appealed from the decision of the chair.

On call for a division the chair was sustained. Ayes, 20; noes, 11.

A motion to resume the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor was carried, on a division. Ayes, 17; noes, 13.

Rev. Geo. G. Smeade, seconded by Rev. W. T. Allen, moved to reconsider.

Rev. D. B. Ramsey raised the point of order that neither the mover nor his second had voted in the affirmative.

The chair ruled that the point of order was well taken.

On motion of Mr. P. K. Roots, seconded by Mr. Arthur F. Adams, who both voted in the affirmative, the last motion was reconsidered.

Rev. Dr. James offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That further action in the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor be postponed till a special Council be called, or until the next Annual Council."

The resolution was adopted.

The Council took a recess till 2 p. m.

THIRD DAY, 2 P. M.

Council reassembled with the Bishop in the chair.

On motion of the Very Rev. D. I. Hobbs, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Woman's Auxiliary be given an opportunity during the Missionary deliberations for the presentation and consideration of their work.

Resolved, That Mrs. J. B. Pillow, President, and Mrs. John Gass, Secretary, of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Arkansas, be requested to furnish the Secretary of this Council with a copy of their reports read Sunday afternoon, and that the same be printed in the Journal of this Diocese.

(See Appendices VII. and VIII.)

Rev. J. J. Vaulx introduced the following resolutions, which were severally adopted:

"That the Secretary be ordered to have 500 copies of the Journal of this Council printed and distributed in the usual manner.

"Resolved, That the Council hereby directs the Treasurer of the Diocese, after paying costs of printing and distributing the Journal, and paying the assessment of the General Convention, to transfer to the Trustee of the Episcopate Fund whatever, if any, Diocesan Funds are remaining in his hands, excepting and reserving only $50 for incidental expenses, and such additional amount as the President of the Standing Committee may estimate will be required for Clerical members attending meetings of such committee.

"Resolved, That an honorarium of $75 be presented to the Secretary for his efficient services."

On motion of Dr. James it was voted that the Treasurer pay to the organist and sexton of the Cathedral $5 each for services rendered during the Council.

On motion of Rev. J. J. Vaulx it was—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be returned to Trinity Cathedral and Christ Church Parishes for the kindly and

generous hospitality extended, and to the railroads for courtesies shown to the members of the Council.

It was announced that the removal from the Diocese of Mr. R. W. Sherwood, one of the Trustees of the University of the South, had thereby created a vacancy. On nomination of Rev. John Gass, Mr. John M. Daggett was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Fay Hempstead, submitted the following report:

"The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution in reference to the salary to be offered the Bishop-Coadjutor, would report, recommending the sum offered be $2,000, instead of $2,500.

R. S. JAMES,
R. V. McCRACKEN,
DAY MILLS."

On motion of Chancellor Whipple it was—

Resolved, That action on the resolutions of Mr. Hempstead and the committee be postponed until the next Council, or a special Council that may be called for the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor, and that the Bishop be requested to include in the call for a special Council the subject of the Bishop's stipend.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the Council resolved itself into a Board of Missions.

The Secretary of the Board of Managers submitted the following report:

(See Appendix IX.)

The Treasurer of the Board of Managers submitted his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix X.)

Rev. Mr. Allen explained the organization and method adopted by the Board of Missions in the Council at Helena for the increase of the fund for Diocesan Missions, and on motion, the Secretary of the Board of Managers was directed to send the necessary blanks to every Parish and Mission.

The Board was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Gass and Lockwood, Deans of Convocation, by the Bishop and by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

The Rev. D. B. Ramsey submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council, that, in view of a possible increase in the expenses of the Diocese, the Board of Managers do not, during the coming year, make any appropriation for additional work in the Missionary field of the Diocese, but only maintain the present force in the field."

The election of a Board of Managers resulted as follows:

Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. John Gass, Rev. W. T. Allen, Messrs. N. B. Trulock, Arthur F. Adams and C. H. Purvis.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Daggett it was—

Resolved, That the publication of a Diocesan paper be left to the discretion of the Board of Managers.

The Board of Missions was dissolved and the Council resumed its deliberations.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report:

To the Twenty-Fifth Diocesan Council:

The Auditing Committee report that they have examined and checked the accounts of the Trustee of the Permanent Episcopate Fund and Treasurer of the Diocese and of the fund for disabled Clergy and fund of the Board of Managers, and find them correct.

W. FULTON WRIGHT,
JOHN GATLING,
Committee.

On motion, $14 Diocesan assessment of St. James Parish, Eureka Springs, was remitted.

Council proceeded with the election of officers.

Mr. S. S. Faulkner was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Permanent Episcopate Fund.

Mr. P. K. Roots was unanimously re-elected Diocesan Treasurer.

The Bishop appointed Rev. Dr. James and Rev. D. I. Hobbs tellers, and the Council proceeded to the election of Deputies and Supplementary Deputies to the General Convocation, which resulted as follows:

DEPUTIES.

Clerical—Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. Jas. J. Vaulx, Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Rev. R. S. James, D. D.

Lay—Dr. H. M. Grant, Gustave Jones, Jos. A. Reeves, John Gatling.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Clerical—Rev. J. W. Keeble, Rev. John Gass, Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. Geo. G. Smeade.

Lay—W. W. Smale, M. H. Barlow, C. T. Coffman, J. M. Daggett.

Committee on State of the Church submitted their report.

(See Appendix XI.)

On motion of Rev. Mr. Allen it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial page on the death of Rev. Dr. Potter and that the memorial in the Bishop's address be referred to that committee.

The Bishop appointed Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. John Gass and Rev. D. B. Ramsey.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that all business before the Council had been completed, except the report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways and Means reported and the report was adopted:

(See Appendix XII.)

After prayer and benediction by the Bishop the Council adjourned sine die.

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.

In Domine confidit, in Domine Requiem habet.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

REV. D. S. C. M. POTTER, D. D.

BORN IN MANLIUS, N. Y.,
MARCH 5, ANNO DOMINI 1819.

ıed Deacon by Bishop ————————, in ———————— Church, ———————,
New York, ——————— 1877. Admitted to Priest's Orders, April 15, 1888, by
Bishop H. N. Pierce in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, Ark.

ENTERED INTO REST
OCTOBER 8, 1896, AT MORRILTON, ARK.

ıll who knew him bear testimony to the words of the Rt. Rev. H. N. Pierce,
, LL. D., in his address to the Diocesan Council, May 7, 1897:

'Of all the men I have ever known, whether Clerical or Lay, I ha e known none closely answering to the epitomizing description of Nathaniel Ben Tholmai he ancients called him), given by our Lord, 'Behold an Israelite indeed, in is no guile.' Yet it must not be supposed that the Nathaniel-like guileless- ɔf Dr. Potter arose from a want of wisdom, or a want of acquaintance with the of the world. it originated in an unselfish heart, in conscious purity of his notive, and in that charity which 'thinketh no evil.' Dr. Potter was not a man ıle reading and shallow thought. Much of his earlier life had been spent in ing; and nothing tends to fill the mind with much and definite information as ıhe conscientious instruction of others. Though the simplicity of his character ıe all ostentatious display of learning, yet Dr. Potter was not only a well- ned, but a scholarly man. In his theology, he was sound, evangelical and ıghly Catholic in the true sense of that much misapplied word. In the pu'pit, ways had something to tell of Christ and His Church worth the hearing. We ve our true sphere in this world, and our work therein to do, and our dear ted brother did his part faithfully, honestly and honorably. May God give us to follow his good example."

"There Remaineth a Rest for the people of God."

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We are about to organize the Twenty-fifth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas. I rejoice to see again the familiar faces of those who have assembled with us in Council year after year. I rejoice, too, to see some new faces, which are already dear to me, and I believe will become very dear to all as time rolls on. But I miss one venerable face, that was seen here a year ago. On the 8th day of October last, at the Rectory of St. Agnes' Church, in the city of Morrilton, Ark., the much-loved Rector of that Parish, the Reverend D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., entered into rest. Of all the men I have known, whether Clerical or Lay, I have known none more closely answering to the epitomizing description of Nathaniel Ben Tholmai (as the ancients called him) given by our Lord: "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Yet it must not be supposed that the Nathaniel-like guilelessness of Dr. Potter arose from a lack of wisdom or of acquaintance with the ways of the world. It originated in an unselfish heart, in the conscious purity of his own motives and in that charity which thinketh no evil. Dr. Potter was not a man of little reading and shallow thought. Much of his earlier life had been spent in teaching and nothing tends to fill the mind with much and definite information, as does the conscientious instruction of others. Though the sim-

plicity of his character forbade all ostentatious display of learning, yet Dr. Potter was not only a well-informed, but a scholarly man. In his theology he was sound, evangelical and thoroughly Catholic in the true sense of that much misapplied word. In the pulpit he always had something to tell of Christ and His Church worth the hearing. Though he was a tender and wise pastor, yet in Parochial work he never had that facility and skill that produces the greatest visible results. It was impossible that he should have them. The long years spent in teaching forbade that he should have that which can be acquired only by practice in these days, when we can best adapt ourselves to circumstances and assume habits. The simple routine of the school does little to prepare us for the complicated workings of a Parish, large or small. We all have our true sphere in this world and our work therein to do, and our dear departed brother did his part faithfully, honestly and honorably. May God give us grace to follow his good example.

The vacancy at St. Agnes', Morrilton, has not yet been filled. The propositions made by me to supply the Parish with services have not been met by the Congregation. I am now awaiting their acceptance, as I have been for several months. Since the last Council I have given Letters Dimissory to two Clergymen, the Rev. Wm. J. Miller, formerly Rector of St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, and the Rev. Charles E. Cabaniss, formerly Rector of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff. The departure of the first mentioned had already taken place when our last Council met, for the Rev. Mr. Miller had then removed to Clarksville, Tenn. The Rev. Mr. Cabaniss, a month or more

later, was transferred to the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. The other changes within the Diocese are as follows:

The Rev. Mr. Williams, who a year since had charge of the Parishes at Marianna and Forrest City, last June resigned that charge and accepted a missionary circuit embracing Mammoth Spring, Brinkley and Jonesboro. In April last, Mammoth Spring was, for various reasons not to be discussed here, dropped from that circuit and Imboden taken into it. Last October the Rev. A. M. Pierce resigned charge of St. Mark's Church, Hope. This was done with my approval and for various reasons also. St. Agnes', Morrilton; St. Mark's, Hope, and St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring, are now without stated services. What shall be done with and for these weak Parishes is a matter for consideration. I wish to do the best thing for them, but what that best thing is, remains to be determined. I shall wait patiently a few months longer and try to obtain their co-operation in carrying out some plan devised by themselves or by others, including myself. I have Canonical power to simplify the whole matter, but I deem it unwise to use it till all other means fail.

While I have given Letters Dimissory to two Clergymen since the last Council, I have been much comforted by receiving four Clergymen into the Diocese on Letters Dimissory. So, taking into our account the lamented death of the Rev. Dr. Potter, our Clerical gain has been one. From the Diocese of Long Island, N. Y., I have received the Rev. James Noble, Deacon, who, I trust, is soon to be priested; from the Diocese of Michigan, the Rev. William Cross; from the Diocese of Penn-

sylvania, the Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, Deacon, who, on the third Sunday in Lent, 1897, was admitted to the Priesthood in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock; from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Rev. George Gordon Smeade. I have given the names in the order in which these Clergymen became Canonically and actually resident in the Diocese of Arkansas. These Clerical brethren are now laboring successfully and most acceptably, the Rev. James Noble, as assistant minister of Christ Church, Little Rock; the Rev. William Cross, as Rector of St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs; the Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, as the Rector of the United Parishes of St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City; and the Rev. George Gordon Smeade, as the Rector of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff. I heartily thank God for these valuable additions to our Clerical corps, and pray our Heavenly Father to send us more of such able workmen, for the great field is ripe for the harvest, and the laborers far too few.

My brethren, I feel that the present is an epoch of vast importance to the growth and future prosperity of this Diocese. New towns are springing up in every part of this State and those founded years ago are rapidly increasing in population. Hamlets are becoming villages; villages, towns; towns, cities. If we fail now to plant our branch of the Holy Catholic Church in these rapidly multiplying and as rapidly growing centers of population, we shall lose what we cannot, even with a large expenditure of money and labor, regain in fifty years.

As a preliminary to more definite action, it has been suggested that we place in the field a General Missionary, or Arch-

deacon, to explore the ground and begin the work of planting. Doubtless such an official could accomplish much good, and I hope in days to come this Diocese may be able to sustain several of such pioneers and general overseers in Missionary work. But in the present state of affairs I am totally and determinedly opposed to any such action.

And the grounds of my opposition to any project of this kind are two-fold. (1) It would largely increase my labors and lay upon me a burden under which I must inevitably sink within a twelvemonth. I have already on my shoulders more than I have any assurance of being able to carry even one year more. I know my own physical condition far better than any other human being knows it. I know what strains it has undergone since the last Annual Council. I tell you frankly that the accumulated years are pressing heavily upon me and that I will not, because I dare not, promise to make a single visitation during the coming conciliar year, and moreover that I cannot afford to be at the expense of securing any one to do my work. I have warned you before, and you have been deaf to my words. I shall warn you no more, for the time has come when words are vain and action imperative. My second reason for rejecting the plan spoken of, is that the cost of employing a competent Archdeacon would be about as great as that of supporting a Coadjutor-Bishop, who could do all that an Archdeacon can do, and all that I could do in our Missionary field, and also relieve me of my present burden, every day becoming harder to bear, even if it becomes no heavier. Remember that you cannot relieve me of the burden of years ever increasing in weight and pressure.

I ask, and in justice as well as in mercy to myself, I demand that this Council make it their first business to elect a Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas. This matter can be no longer postponed. Both justice to myself and the welfare of the Diocese demand that there shall be no more postponements. Two years ago you resolved to go into an election at the ensuing Council. One year ago you decided to delay for one year in order to prepare for the better support of the Coadjutor-Bishop. Accordingly a committee or commission was elected, who were instructed to take certain well-defined steps to increase the Episcopate Fund. They were not appointed to consider the matter and work out a scheme. They were not appointed to use their discretion. The course of action was all agreed upon and they were chosen to carry out the adopted scheme. They were to do a certain thing. They have done nothing. Their reasons for nonaction may appear in their report, but whatever these reasons may be, I cannot imagine that they will be satisfactory to this Council.

As the action taken a year ago has proved to be utterly fruitless, we must proceed on other lines.

The election of a Coadjutor-Bishop for the Diocese of Arkansas has become imperative and absolutely necessary. To delay longer is to leave the Diocese without proper oversight, or to sacrifice my life. That you do not wish the former I know. That you do wish the latter, I shall be slow to believe of you, who have given me so many proofs of your love in the many years now gone forever.

Now, what shall we do? Shall we lay a burdensome tax on the Parishes in order to supplement the revenue derivable from our Episcopate Fund, when capitalized so as to yield us a definite annual income, and thus provide a competent support for the Bishop? I know pretty well the financial condition of every Parish in this State, and I greatly fear such a procedure would be unwise and even perilous. A half dozen years hence such taxation might be safe, if not unnecessary. But we cannot wait for the expiration of these six years. We cannot wait even one year, much less six. I tell you again you must act now, or the probability is that a year hence you will be obliged to elect a Diocesan Bishop instead of a Coadjutor. If that is what you desire, then delay. I shall then know how much I am in your hearts, and find myself ten years older than my birthday indicates.

If you, the Rectors and Representatives, are willing to have your Parishes burdened with this taxation and ready to insure the payment of the tax levied, I shall not persuade you to the contrary decision. But bear in mind that I am innocent, if troubles and perplexities ensue, for I have warned you. If you are not willing to so burden your Parishes and become security for them, then we must consider what course is to be pursued. An immediate increase of the Episcopate Fund is impossible. That requires time. A whole year has been lost. You cannot have even three months more to see what can be done in this way. We must then offer as a salary the income to be derived from our Episcopate Fund, after so reinvesting it as to make the interest on it available for use. Will this sum

be sufficient? Generally speaking, I do not think it would. I was many years a Parish Priest, and I have been many years a Bishop, and I know the relative cost of living in these two positions. I shall not go into details. But I speak from personal experience. I can assure you that as a Parish Priest, even with a less salary than I have had, I should now be many thousands of dollars better off financially than I am, had I never been Bishop of Arkansas. Therefore, as I said, I do not consider what we can easily offer a sufficient salary for a Coadjutor-Bishop, speaking in general terms. Yet it may prove adequate to secure us the services of a very able Clergyman and an admirable Bishop, if we proceed discreetly and wisely. There are at least three contingencies in which our limited means might be available to secure our much desired object and enable us to attain our much needed relief.

First. We may elect an able man, in every respect admirably fitted for the Episcopate, who has so strong an influence in the Church at large that he would feel certain that he could from extra-Diocesan sources, increase our Episcopate Fund till the revenue from it would be an adequate support. Most of the Episcopate Funds in the Western Dioceses have been derived from the contributions of the older Dioceses, whereas the Arkansas Fund has reached its present decent proportions without the addition, so far as I am aware, of a single dollar given by any one beyond the State lines. Since we have called so little for external aid in any way and for any purpose, the Church at large might be willing to help us in our need, especially if one known and trusted asked for it.

morning prayer, the Rev. A. W. Pierce reading the lessons and the Rev. C. E. Cabaniss saying the Creed and other prayers. I said the Communion Office, the Rev. Mr. Hobbs reading the Epistle and the Rev. C. H. Lockwood the Gospel. The Rev. J. J. Vaulx preached and I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lockwood. At 5 p. m. I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions. At 8 p. m. I attended a union service held in the Cathedral. Mr. Harris, of Indiana, a St. Andrew's Brotherhood man, made a stirring address, after which the Council was called to order. I made a short address and adjourned the Council sine die.

May 14, Thursday: Ascension Day. At 11 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

May 17, Sunday: After Ascension. I assisted in saying the morning and evening services in Trinity Cathedral.

May 21, Thursday: I officiated at a funeral at Little Rock.

May 24, Sunday: Whitsunday. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

May 26, Tuesday: In Whitsun-Week. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

May 28, Thursday: I this day gave Letters Dimissory transferring the Rev. William J. Miller to the Diocese of Tennessee.

May 31, Sunday: Trinity Sunday. I said morning and evening services, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

June 2, Tuesday: I attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Institute, Columbia, Tenn.

June 3, Wednesday: Took part in the Commencement Exercises of Columbia Institute. As I have done before, I again commend this old, well-established and well-equipped school, to all Southerners desirous of having their daughters well educated and well trained. I had the pleasure on this occasion of making a brief address and presenting the "Margaretta Bowles Medal for Scholarship and Character," to one of the fair daughters of Arkansas, Miss Bessie Watson, of Newport, Ark.

June 7, Sunday: The first after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., I preached and received the Holy Communion.

June 14, Sunday: The second after Trinity. Assisted in saying morning prayer and preached in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn.

June 21, Sunday: Third after Trinity. At 8:30 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I received the Holy Communion, and at 11 a. m. I assisted in saying the morning service.

June 24, Wednesday: St. John Baptist's Day: At 9 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

June 28, Sunday: The fourth after Trinity. I assisted in saying morning service in the Cathedral.

June 29, Monday: I this day gave Letters Dimissory transferring the Rev. Charles E. Cabaniss to the Diocese of Springfield, Ill.

July 5, Sunday: The fifth after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

July 12, Sunday: The sixth after Trinity. At 11 a. m. in Christ Church, Little Rock, Ark., I preached and confirmed one person (one female).

July 19, Sunday: The seventh after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 3 p. m. I said evening prayer and preached.

July 22, Wednesday: I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions, held in Little Rock.

July 25, Saturday: St. James' Day. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

July 26, Sunday: The eighth after Trinity. Having been so nearly utterly prostrated by the excessive heat yesterday it was deemed very hazardous for me to go out again till the heated term was over.

August 2, Sunday: The ninth after Trinity. See entry under July 26.

August 9, Sunday: The tenth after Trinity. See under date July 26.

August 16, Sunday: The eleventh after Trinity. See under date July 26.

August 23, Sunday: The twelfth after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I preached.

August 30, Sunday: The thirteenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying morning service and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

September 6, Sunday: The fourteenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying morning service in the Cathedral, Little Rock, and received the Holy Communion.

September 13, Sunday: The fifteenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying the morning service in the Cathedral.

September 20, Sunday: The sixteenth after Trinity. At 11 a. m. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

September 21, Monday: St. Matthew's Day. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

September 27, Sunday: The seventeenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying the morning service in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

September 29, Tuesday: St. Michael and All Angels' Day. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

October 4, Sunday: The eighteenth after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the morning service and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 8 p. m. I attended a meeting of the Vestry of St. Mark's Church, at Hope, Ark.

October 11, Sunday: The nineteenth after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, I assisted in saying the morning service.

October 18, Sunday: The twentieth after Trinity and St. Luke's Day. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 I preached.

October 24, Saturday: This day I accepted the Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Michigan presented by the Rev. Wm. Cross, and gave Canonical notice of said acceptance.

October 25, Sunday: The twenty-first after Trinity. At 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the services.

October 29, Thursday: At 7:30 p. m., at Rocky Comfort, Ark., I preached, made an address on Confirmation, confirmed nine persons (five males, four females) and addressed the class. The candidates were presented by the Rev. A. W. Pierce.

October 30, Friday: At the same place, at 7:30 p. m., I preached and confirmed one person (one male).

November 1, Sunday: The twenty-second after Trinity, and All Saints' Day. At 11 a. m., in Grace Church, Washington, I said the Communion Office, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Pierce. I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 4 p. m. I preached and confirmed four persons (one male, three females), and addressed the class.

November 2, Monday: At 7:30 p. m., in the Church of the Holy Saviour, Nashville, I preached and confirmed two persons (two females), and addressed the class.

November 4, Wednesday: In Little Rock, I confirmed a sick person in private (one male). Dean Hobbs presented the candidate. I this day accepted the Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Long Island, N. Y., presented by the Rev. James Noble, Deacon.

November 8, Sunday: The twenty-third. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the morning service. At 3 p. m. I assisted in saying the burial service. At 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying evening prayer.

November 9, Monday: I this day gave my official consent to the sale of St. John's Church, Helena, the Parish being now ready to build a Church in a better location.

November 11, Wednesday: I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions held in Little Rock.

November 15, Sunday: The twenty-fourth after Trinity. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and at 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying the evening service.

November 18, Wednesday: At 4:15 p. m. I said the Litany in the Cathedral.

November 22, Sunday: Next before Advent. At 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., I assisted in saying the services in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

November 26, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying the morning service.

November 28, Saturday: I this day accepted the Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, presented by the Rev. E. L. Ogilby, Deacon, and gave Canonical notice of my acceptance.

November 29, Sunday: The first in Advent. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I preached. At night I had the pleasure of hearing a sermon from Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri. I closed the services.

December 6, Sunday: The second in Advent. At 11 a. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I preached and received the Holy Communion. At 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying the evening service in Trinity Cathedral.

December 13, Sunday: The third in Advent. In St. John's Church, Fort Smith, at 11 a. m., I preached, confirmed nine

persons (two males, seven females), addressed the class, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m. I preached and confirmed one person (one male), and made an address.

December 18, Friday: At 3:30 p. m., in St. Stephen's Chapel, Winslow, I preached and confirmed two persons (two females), and addressed the class. The candidates were presented by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx.

December 20, Sunday: The fourth in Advent. At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, I preached, confirmed seven persons (two males, five females), addressed the class, and, assisted by the Rector, celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7 p. m. I preached again.

December 23, Wednesday: In Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, at 9 p. m., assisted in the services by the Very Reverend, the Dean, I joined in Holy Matrimony, Robert Peel Bateman and Miss Mary Frances Cummings.

December 25, Friday: Christmas Day. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. I this day gave my Canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. John D. Morrison, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Missionary District of Duluth, Minn.

December 27, Sunday: The first after Christmas and St. John the Evangelist's Day. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I preached, and at 7:30 p. m., I assisted in saying evening service.

December 28, Monday: Holy Innocents' Day. At 11 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral. I

this day accepted the Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Southern Virginia presented by the Rev. George Gordon Smeade.

January 1: The Circumcision. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I received the Holy Communion. At 4 p. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I confirmed one person (one female), and made an address.

January 3, Sunday: The second after Christmas. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying evening service.

January 6, Wednesday: The Epiphany. At 11 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

January 10, Sunday: The first after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying morning service. At 7:30 p. m. I preached, confirmed eleven persons (five males, six females), and addressed the class.

January 17, Sunday: The second after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m. I preached.

January 24, Sunday: The third after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in St. Luke's Church, Brinkley, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Williams, I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m. I preached again.

January 25, Monday: St. Paul's Day. At Jonesboro, 7:30 p. m., I preached, confirmed three persons (one male, two females), and addressed the class. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

January 26, Tuesday: At Imboden, 7:30 p. m., I preached, confirmed one person (one female), and made an address. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

January 27, Wednesday: At 7:30 p. m., in St. Andrew's Church, Mammoth Spring, after evening prayer, said by the Rev. Mr. Williams, I preached.

January 31, Sunday: The fourth after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I assisted in saying morning service.

February 3, Wednesday: I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

February 7, Sunday: The fifth after Epiphany. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying evening service.

February 14, Sunday: Septuagesima. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I preached and at 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying the evening service.

February 21, Sunday: Sexagesima. At 11 a. m., in the Cathedral, I preached and received the Holy Communion, and at 7:30 p. m. I assisted in saying evening service.

February 24, Wednesday: St. Matthew's Day. At 11 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

February 28, Sunday: Quinquagesima. I assisted in saying the services in the Cathedral at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

March 3, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. I assisted in saying the morning service in the Cathedral.

March 7, Sunday: The first in Lent. At 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Camden, I preached and celebrated the Holy

Eucharist, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. D. B. Ramsey. At 7:30 p. m. I preached, confirmed two persons (one male, one female), and made a short address.

March 14, Sunday: The second in Lent. At 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Church, Batesville, I preached, confirmed seven persons, (three males, four females), addressed the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, Newport, I preached, confirmed five persons (one male, four females), and addressed the class.

March 15, Monday: At Newport, I confirmed in private a sick person (one female). At 4:30 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, I said the Lenten Service and lectured. At 7:30 p. m. I said evening prayer and preached.

March 20, Saturday: I examined the Rev. Edward Leslie Ogilby, Deacon, for Priests' Orders.

March 21, Sunday: The third in Lent. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., I ordered Priest the Rev. Edward Leslie Ogilby, Deacon, after morning prayer was said. The Rev. John Gass, Rector of Christ Church, Little Rock, preached the sermon, and the Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Dean of the Cathedral, presented the candidate. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist and administered the elements in both kinds alone, as the Rubric seems to require.

March 23, Tuesday: Assisted by Dean Hobbs, I said the burial service over the remains of Robert Peel Bateman. Just three months ago to-day I married this young man in Trinity Cathedral. So uncertain is life!

[illegible] Evening Prayer at 7.30 p. m. I preached an [illegible]

[illegible] Evening Prayer at 7.30 p. m. in St. Stephen's [illegible] Vincent. I [illegible] two persons to [illegible]. The sacraments were [illegible] the Rev. J. J. Vance.

[illegible] The fourth in Advent. At 11 a. m. in St. Paul's church I preached, confirmed seven persons, [illegible] the Bishop, and assisted at the Eucharist, celebrated by the Very Reverend. At 7 p. m. I [illegible] again.

[illegible] In Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, at 7 p. m. assisted in the services by the Very Reverend. [illegible] I preached a Home Missionary Sermon by Robert Peel Bateman [illegible]

[illegible] At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist. [illegible] I preached a sermon on the consecration of the [illegible] I [illegible] Bishop Church of the Missionary [illegible]

[illegible] The day after Christmas and St. [illegible] At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, [illegible] at 7 p. m. I assisted in saying [illegible]

[illegible] The Innocents' Day. At 11 a. m. I preached the Holy Communion in the Cathedral. I

April 8, Thursday: At 3:30 p. m., in St. Stephen's Chapel, Winslow, I presided at a meeting of the Congregation, held to take steps towards the organizing of the Mission. At 7:30 p. m. the Rev. J. J. Vaulx baptized two adults. I preached, confirmed two persons (two females), and addressed the class.

April 9, Friday: At 4:15 p. m., in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I preached.

April 11, Sunday: The sixth in Lent. At 11 a. m., in Christ Church, Little Rock, I preached, confirmed twenty-nine persons (twelve males, seventeen females), addressed the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 3 p. m., in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I preached, confirmed five persons (three males, two females), and addressed the class.

April 12, Monday: In Holy Week. At 8 p. m., in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, I preached.

April 14, Wednesday: In Holy Week. At 8 p. m., in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, I preached, confirmed two persons (two females), and addressed the class.

April 15, Thursday: In Holy Week: At 5 p. m. I attended the Lenten Services in Helena. The Congregation of St. John's Parish are worshiping pro tem. in the Jewish Synagogue, their old Church edifice having been sold and the new one not yet built. At 8 p. m. I preached, confirmed seven persons (seven females), and addressed the class.

April 16, Friday: Good Friday. At 10:30 a. m. I preached in St. John's, Helena. At 8 p. m. I preached in St. Luke's Church, Brinkley.

April 18, Sunday: Easter Day. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by Dean Hobbs. At 8 p. m. I preached, confirmed nine persons, (one of whom was for Christ Church, Little Rock), (five males, four females), and addressed the class.

April 25, Sunday: The first after Easter. At 11 a. m. in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. William Cross. At 7:45 p. m. I preached again.

April 30, Friday: At 10 a. m., in the Cathedral, Little Rock, I confirmed two persons (one male, one female) and addressed the class. Three candidates were presented by the Rev. I. P. Daniels and were for St. Philip's Church.

May 2, Sunday: The second after Easter. At 11 a. m., in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, after the Ante-Communion, said by the Rector, the Rev. R. G. Smeade, I preached, confirmed forty-four persons (seventeen males, twenty-seven females), addressed the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rector. At 8 p. m. I preached again.

May 4, Tuesday: I assisted in the examination of the Rev. James Noble for Priest's Orders.

May 5, Wednesday: At 4:30 p. m., in Trinity Cathedral, I confirmed one person (one female), and made an address. This day Mr. Charles Edmond Byers was admitted a candidate for Priest's Orders by the Standing Committee.

May 6, Thursday: At 7:30 p. m. presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

To this abstract I append the following

SUMMARY:

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Confirmations	196
Funerals	3
Marriages	1
Baptisms (adults)	1
Ordinations (Priests)	1
Letters Dimissory given	2
Letters Dimissory accepted	4
Miles traveled	3,864

The baptisms, marriages and funerals are all recorded in the Parishes where they took place and will be reported from them.

CONFIRMED.

Pine Bluff	44
Christ Church, Little Rock	32
Cathedral, Little Rock	21
Fayetteville	20
Fort Smith	19
Rocky Comfort	10
St. Philip's, Little Rock	7
Batesville	7
Helena	7
Newport	6
Washington	4
Winslow	4

Eureka Springs	3
Jonesboro	3
Nashville	2
Camden	2
Van Buren	2
Marianna	2
Imboden	1
Total	19

ARKANSAS CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Christ Church, Little Rock	$ 33 00
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	25 00
St. John's, Fort Smith	13 52
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	10 25
Cathedral, Little Rock	8 30
St. John's, Camden	7 50
St. Paul's, Batesville	6 48
St. Paul, Newport	6 00
St. John's, Helena	4 90
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	4 00
St. Mary's Mission, Rocky Comfort	3 60
Mission of the Redeemer, Nashville	3 50
Mission at Jonesboro	3 62
Trinity Church, Van Buren	2 55
St. James', Eureka Springs	3 50
St. Andrew's, Marianna	2 25
Grace Mission, Washington	2 15
St. Philip's, Little Rock	2 15

St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley	2 15
The Good Shepherd, Forrest City	1 35
Mission at Imboden	1 05
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	70
Specials from abroad	4 20
Total	$151 72

As the amount collected this year is considerable less than was received last year, I shall devote all of it to the payment of the Dardanelle Church property debt.

I cannot close this address without brief reference to two points.

1. I am glad to say that we have at last a Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary organized and at work. I hope the ladies will be able next year to report that every Parish in Arkansas has its Parochial branch. I would suggest that they be requested to make a condensed report to the Council every year and that the same be presented when the Council sits as the Board of Missions and be printed in our Journal. If there is anything closely connected with Missionary work it is the Woman's Auxiliary.

2. The Lambeth Conference meets again this year. I shall not attend. Whether these merely Anglican Conferences have not already done about all the good they can do is a question worth considering. I see a possible danger in giving them any real power, or making them a permanent institution. Hitherto it has been simply a Conference. Is there not some intimation that attempts may be made to change it into an Anglican Council?

I should be strongly opposed to its becoming a decree-pronouncing and Canon-making body. There may come a time when it will be necessary, or at least, wise, to discuss this subject thoroughly. But let us hope for the best, even when we guard ourselves from the worse.

With this suggestion, I close these remarks and leave you to your deliberations, in which may God, the Holy Ghost, guide you as the Divine Father wills and the Divine Wisdom directs.

H. N. PIERCE,

Bishop of Arkansas.

APPENDIX II.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Twenty-fifth Annual Council:

May 9, 1896. The Standing Committee elected by the Twenty-fourth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, met in the Vestry Room of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, and organized by electing the Rev. Charles H. Lockwood, President, and the Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Secretary.

November 11. The papers certifying the election of the Rt. Rev. William David Walker, D. D., LL. D., Missionary Bishop of North Dakota, to become the Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York, were received and consent given to the election. Consent given to the consecration of the Rev. James Dow Morrison, D. D., LL. D., to be the Missionary Bishop of Duluth. Consent given to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Helena, to sell lot No. 163, together with the buildings, all in the city of Helena. Consent given to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Little Rock, to sell 50 feet off east end of lot No. 6, block 286, together with the buildings thereon, all in the city of Little Rock.

February 25. The Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, Deacon, recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese for ordination to the sacred order of Priests.

May 5, 1897. The Rev. James Noble, Deacon, recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese for ordination to the sacred order of Priests. Charles Emanuel Byers admitted a candidate for the Priesthood.

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
President Standing Committee.

APPENDIX III.

Helena, Ark., May 1, 1897.

To the Diocesan Council of the State of Arkansas:

Brethren—We, your committee appointed to raise an amount sufficient to increase the Permanent Episcopate Fund to such a sum whereby the interest on same would be great enough to pay a comfortable competency to our Diocesan, whoever he may be, beg leave to report, and say:

Your committee have had several conferences in regard to the trust placed upon them, and have fully discussed the importance of same in all of its bearings. We conceived that the financial condition of the country was the paramount issue and the one we should consider above all others. It is almost useless for us to call attention to the recent election, which most of you know was fought with a distrust upon the part of nearly all the financial institutions in the country as to the effect the result would have. The crops in most parts of the State have proven a failure, and placed the farmer in a condition that it was almost impossible for him to liquidate an ordinary indebtedness. For the past few months the floods throughout the country have been of such a nature that nearly every benevolent mind has been occupied with plans for the relief of the sufferers. With these facts before us, we realized that those who might wish to contribute to this important fund would decline at this time to do so.

We realized further that to attempt the collection or to ask for subscriptions to this fund and then meet with failure, that

a result would ensue which would prove very disastrous to it, and greatly impair any effort to this end in the future.

We have, therefore, concluded to report back our decision to this body, and say:

We have not attempted the undertaking of the collection of this fund, for the reason hereinbefore set forth. It is with regret that no effort has been made by the Parishes for contributions, and we do not understand why the people do not awaken to our great needs and each and every communicant come forward and do their duty. We believe it to be a duty of every member of the Church to contribute for the support of our Bishop, equally as much as it is their duty to aid in supporting the Rectors of their Parishes.

It is with deep regret that we feel compelled to make this report and trust the Council well be lenient in their judgment.

Faithfully yours,

S. S. FAULKNER,
C. H. PURVIS,
W. H. RAGLAND,
Committee.

APPENDIX IV.

Helena, Ark., May 1, 1897.

To the Diocesan Council of the State of Arkansas:

Brethren—I have the pleasure of submitting my fifth annual report of the condition of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, showing receipts, expenditures and actual value of Fund on the above date:

RECEIPTS.

May 1, 1896.

To balance on hand last report	$ 526 71
To loan repaid Lula Drug Co	19 00
To loan repaid Miles Place	500 00
To loan repaid H. N. & R. H. Word	250 00
To loan part payment St. John's Parish	428 75
To Home Mutual B. & L. Ass'n., Series No. 1 (matured)	1,000 00
To Peoples' B. & L. Ass'n., forced loan 436 shares	1,308 00
	$3,505 75

FROM INTEREST.

Various dates.

Woman's Library bonds	$120 00
H. N. & R. H. Word	37 85
Miles Place	45 00
St. John's Parish	71 25
Short Loans	35 15
	$309 25

PINE BLUFF PROPERTY.

May 1, 1897.

To amount received twelve months rent, at $27 per month.....$324

FROM DONATIONS.

To Treasurer of Diocesan Fund	$ 101 21
To P. K. Roots	5 00
St. John's Church, Helena	56 20
St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley	8 00
Trinity Cathedral Sunday School, Little Rock	20 00
	$4,856 12

EXPENDITURES.

Building and Loan Association dues.		
By Home Mutual, first series	$ 56 00	
By Home Mutual, second series	96 00	
By Home Mutual, third series	60 00	
By Little Rock, thirteenth series	60 00	
By People's, first series (dues and interest)	775 80	
By Woman's Library bonds, Nos. 2 and 3		1,000 00
By loan Home Mutual B. & L. Ass'n		1,000 00
By loan Home Mutual B. & L. Ass'n		500 00
By Miles Place		455 00
By recording transfers of deed		75
Pine Bluff property.		
By repairs, insurance, taxes, water and expense, as per vouchers No. 1 to —, inclusive		152 05
Balance cash in my hands		700 52
		$4,856 12

PRESENT VALUE OF THE FUND.

Building and Loan Stock.	Amount.	Paid In.	Present Value.
Little Rock, Series No. 13	$ 500.00	$ 320.00	$ 410.00
Home Mutual, Series No. 2	1,600.00	694.00	1,026.78
Home Mutual, Series No. 3.	1,000.00	230.00	265.00
People's, Series No. 1	10,900.00	5,353.80	
Less Amt. Forced Loan		1,308.00	6,758.00

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Home Mutual B. & L. Ass'n (Face)	$1,000.00	$1,003.35	
Home Mutual B. & L. Ass'n (Face)	500.00	502.10	
Woman's Library Bonds, Nos. 1, 2 & 3	1,500.00	1,500.00	
St. John's Church (balance on note)	521.25	539.00	
Miles Place	455.00	475.00	
Pine Bluff Property (former valuation)		3,936.00	$16,415.18
Cash on Hand			700.52
Present Value of Fund			$17,115.70
Value at Close of Last Term			15,664.21
Increase for the Year			$1,451.49

I feel that it is unnecessary for me to offer any comment on this report, for the Committee, of which I was a member, make

you a statement setting forth the reason why it was deemed unwise to make a regular canvass for the raising of a required amount. I do feel that it is wrong for the different Parishes to neglect to contribute to this important fund, and as I have said, on several occasions before, if the Rectors of Parishes would only keep this matter before their Congregations, they would never let a year pass without making some contribution to its increase. I again recommend that each Parish be required to pay an amount equal to their assessment, and that this continue until some plan is developed to raise the fund.

S. S. FAULKNER,

Trustee Episcopate Fund.

APPENDIX V.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

DIOCESAN FUND.

Balance on hand last report.....$352 81

RECEIPTS.

1896.

From St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	7 00

1897.

From Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	30 00
From St. Luke's, Hot Springs	64 00
From St. Philip's, Little Rock	2 50
From Good Shepherd, Forrest City	5 00
From St. Agnes, Morrilton	7 00
From St. John's, Camden	10 00
From St. Paul's, Newport	12 00
From St. Paul's, Batesville	15 00
From St. John's, Fort Smith (part)	30 00
From St. Paul's, Fayetteville	31 50
From Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	31 50
From St. John's, Helena	50 00
From Christ Church, Little Rock	100 00
From St. Andrew's, Marianna	7 00
From Grace Church, Washington	7 00
From St. Mark's, Hope	10 00
	$772 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.

To Brown Printing Co., Printing Journals	$184 20	
To J. M. Daggett, Secretary, Sending out Journals	20 00	
To Rev. C. H. Lockwood, one-half expenses attending Standing Committee, November 14	4 40	

1897.

To Rev. C. H. Lockwood expenses attending Standing Committee, February 25	10 80	
To Buxton & Skinner, printing blank reports, Parochial	11 50	
To S. S. Faulkner, Trustee Episcopate Fund	101 21	
To Miss Lillian Hughes, Organist	5 00	

To Zack Hurt, Janitor	5 00	
To J. M. Daggett, 100 circular letters, $1.25; allowed by Council, $75.00	76 25	418 36
Balance on hand		$353 95

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS,
Treasurer.

May 10, 1897.

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY.

1896.

Balance on hand last report ..... $ 80 89

RECEIPTS.

From July interest Building Association Stock	15 00
From Christ Church, Little Rock	15 00

1897.

From Rt. Rev. Bishop Pierce	50
From January interest Building Association Stock	15 00
From St. John's, Helena	17 50
From Grace Church, Washington	50
From St. Mary's, Rocky Comfort	2 80
From St. John's, Fort Smith	6 35
	$153 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Twelve months Building Association dues	62 00
Cash, balance on hand	$ 91 54
Also, Building Association, paid up stock	$500 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS,
Treasurer.

May 10, 1897.

APPENDIX VI.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Last summer, as your Trustee, I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. After an absence of fourteen years, many changes and improvements were to be seen. Sewanee has grown into a town in which are many beautiful residences. Several permanent buildings of stone have been erected for the University, among them the Convocation Hall and Walsh Memorial Building. The institution is in a healthy condition, with one exception. The faculty is stronger than ever before, the students as many. The exception referred to is the one that has always existed, money. It does seem strange that this institution, the one Church University in the South, should go begging for money and depend for its support upon gifts from other parts of the country. Thanks to the liberality of Northern friends, the University still lives. The Church above all bodies stands for education and the one place where our boys can get an education under the influence of the Church is at Sewanee. Let the University be destroyed, then from North Carolina to Texas there will not be a spot where the Church gives higher education. But the Church in this Diocese is not called upon to support the University, only to aid the Theological Department. The teachers in this department depend for their salaries upon the contributions from the Dioceses in the South. These

salaries are a pittance at the best, and yet are not paid. At the last meeting of the board a teacher forgave the University a salary debt of $800, and proposed to accept a salary of $800 instead of $1,200. This man could command a large salary elsewhere. The assessment upon the Diocese of Arkansas was $225. It was cut down to $125. Your Trustee promised this should be paid. The sixth standing resolution of this Council is: "That the Diocesan Council strongly recommend that an offering be taken annually in every Parish and Mission of the Diocese for the purposes and at the dates named: On Advent Sunday for the University of the South," etc.

I wrote letters to the Clergy of the Diocese calling attention to this resolution and urging that the offering be taken. Very few responses have been made. Just here let me quote a recent letter from the Vice Chancellor of the University:

Upon investigation, I find the following credits for the Diocese of Arkansas for the last three years:

1894-1895—Christ Church, Little Rock, $30.

1895-1896—St. Luke's, Hot Springs, $5.

1895-1896—St. John's, Helena, $2.80; $7.80.

1896-1897—Christ Church, Little Rock, $18.

1896-1897—St. John's Church, Helena, $5.

You will be glad to learn that the University has opened very encouragingly. The Grammar School is overflowing, and I have been compelled to build eleven additional rooms. The other departments show a slight increase.

I have just returned from New York where I met the heirs of the late Doctor Hoffman, and they expressed their intention

to build for us the students' dormitory, which Doctor Hoffman had promised, but which he had not provided for prior to his death. We shall have one of the handsomest dormitories in the country, which will prove a great blessing to the University. In addition to this, we received a gift of $5,000 last fall, and I have just received notice of a similar donation.

If the Southern Dioceses would only manifest a real interest in the University the future would be well assured.

Sincerely yours,

B. L. WIGGINS,

Vice Chancellor.

Your Trustee would recommend that this Council thoroughly discuss its relation to the University of the South and renew its interest in the same; and that Laymen be elected as Trustees who will attend the meetings of the board and be interested in the same.

JOHN GASS,

Clerical Trustee.

May, 1897.

APPENDIX VII.

Right Reverend Bishop, the Honorable Body, the Council and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary:

I feel constrained to acknowledge that I can report but little progress since our formation a year ago, yet I am not discouraged, because I feel that we have gained something in sending out through the Diocese the glad news that we have banded ourselves together, and wish all sister Parishes to join us in this grand work. With few exceptions I have written every Parish in the State; true, in some instances, I have received no response, while in others the hearty good will is most gratifying. Yet I am sure, that even in those Parishes which apparently are indifferent, something has been done, for they have begun to think. When our women realize that the rite of baptism makes every woman a member of this Missionary Society, and that it rests with her whether she shall be an active member, by work, by prayer and giving, or whether she shall let the opportunity slip of working for the Master, and that in either case the responsibility is the same, then we will not have to plead with them to join, but the question will be, "What can I do?" Without either much experience or knowledge, I believe I speak truly when I say that by joining this great body of workers we will grow both physically and morally more than we ever have before. I believe this bond of union will be a tie to draw us nearer to our own State Parishes, and through them to the great world, of which

we are such a small part. Women coming together in this way realize that the weak, struggling Parish at home is not all the Church of Christ; they come to understand more truly what St. Paul meant by the body of Christ, for whose perfection "no single member must be lacking in its duty to the whole." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." This cannot do away with other giving, but all societies of the Church should unite in this, because it is woman's work. In our Church work let God's glory be our ruling motive, let us try to have an elevation of thought and mind that will lift us above many of the little annoyances by which we are constantly beset. Let no engagement crowd out our elected duty.

This is a time of great activity. The whole Christian world is up and doing, and all over our land there is work going on whose influence is felt to its farthest borders. Plans and efforts are being systematized to make the work more efficient. Under the guidance of a Rector we can each have such a field of duty assigned us as will fill the time we feel we can give to such work. Be always and everywhere a learner, and in case of failure, look where we might have done better, and finding the cause, avoid it in future. In the business world certain qualities are essential to prosperity, and success is the reward of the earnest, faithful seeker, and not a chance. Many cannot and do not prosper because, owing to ignorance, indolence, lack of judgment and honesty they do not desire to do so. Study self-control, and one of the most effectual ways of doing this is by a strict guard over speech. If our motives are pure, we will avoid many disappointments and vexations. System should characterize our efforts in

the Master's service. There is, of course, good done without it, but "order is Heaven's first law" is an old motto we all remember. I believe system is most essential to success in any enterprise. The best of men have been guided by rules for self-government. Everywhere in Scripture man is given the pre-eminence; possibly woman's inferiority is the punishment inflicted by our first mother yielding to the temptation in the garden. The eating of the apple has not prevented the short-sightedness and disobedience of many of her descendants. So in Parish work she should allow herself to lead under the guidance of her Rector. "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrel of vinegar," so if we err, let it be on the side of gentleness; the spirit in which we work is more important than the work itself, and good actions are often spoiled by conceit or egotism. The wise men from the east offered to the new-born babe gold for His royalty, frankincense for His priesthood and myrrh for His humanity; so should we try to follow their example and give of our best to the Lord. In working for our mother Church we should consider it a privilege to be allowed to take the least part in the building up of His kingdom here on earth, and not feel hurt because we are not asked to take a leading part. Under the old Jewish law, offerings were regulated; if a poor woman could not offer a lamb, she could bring a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons, as did the virgin mother. So, if we have not gold or jewels, what we do give, if from a pure heart, will be equally acceptable. The Jews had about ten kinds of offerings; weekly, monthly, yearly and on special occasions. The salary of the priests was the portion of sacrifices

reserved from the altar, the first fruits of the crops, everything devoted to the Lord; the firstlings of all cattle, the first fleece of all sheep, the redemption money of the first born, a tenth of the Levites' tithes, a fifth of the trespass offerings, and a fourth of the fruit of all planted trees. Thus about a fourth of all the property of every Jew was given to the Lord. The Scribes and Pharisees in the days of our blessed Lord followed every precept of this law, and our righteousness, we are told, must exceed theirs. Does it equal it? Do we show our gratitude by larger offerings than the Jews? Our Lord is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, and the things that pleased Him then please Him now. The original meaning of the word "religion" is rule, and if we wish to lead a religious life we must do it by the rule of God's law. Everywhere the field seems ripe for the harvest, but the reaper's hand is stayed for the lack of material to gather it in.

I have read that "life is education, time a measured portion of infinite duration," given to fit us for higher spheres of activity and duty when we shall have passed from this one room of our Father's mansion to another. "I go to prepare a place for you," said the Holy One before He took the last step in the life of suffering that purchased for us the right to enter it. He, a spotless victim, came in the fullness of time to bear our sins in His own body on the tree, and shall we fail in following the blessed steps of His most holy life, in loving as He loved and showing that love by faithful service to Him in ministering to His suffering children?

"Give us light amid our darkness,
Let us know the good from ill;
Hate us not for all our blindness,
Lead us, love us, show us kindness,
You can make us what You will.
We shall be whate'r You make us,
Make us wise and make us good;
Make us strong for times of trial,
Teach us temperance, self-denial,
Patience, kindness, fortitude."

JENNIE H. PILLOW,
President Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Arkansas.

APPENDIX VIII.

To Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D.:

Rt. Rev. Father—We respectfully submit to you the following, which is the second annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in Arkansas for the year ending May 10, 1897:

One year ago, in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, the Arkansas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held their first annual meeting. The Secretary made a report of the work done in the three Parishes in which the Auxiliary was established. After its reading a motion carried to organize a State Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. A constitution was adopted and the election of the following officers ensued:

President, Mrs. J. B. Pillow, of Helena; First Vice President, Mrs. D. I. Hobbs, of Little Rock; Second Vice President, Mrs. C. H. Lockwood, of Helena; Third Vice President, Mrs. J. J. Vaulx, of Fayetteville; Treasurer, Mrs. P. K. Roots, of Little Rock; Secretary, Mrs. John Gass, of Little Rock.

A set of by-laws was adopted and the date of the next annual convention of the Auxiliary set for the next Diocesan Council. Letters have been written to such Parishes in the Diocese as we thought might organize a branch of the Auxiliary, and all indications are that we will soon have organizations at Fort Smith, Pine Bluff, Forrest City, and we hope other points. Mite chests have been sent to Forrest City for the united offering, and also to Hamburg, where we have a few scattered Church people. Helena has organized since our last annual meeting,

and the Secretary gives the following report of work done in that branch during the past year:

This organization in Helena is composed of twenty-five earnest, active members. They have kept their meetings up regularly each month, sometimes twice a month when the work demanded it. A box sent to Rev. H. P. Dodge, of Georgia, to assist him in his Mission work, consisting of valuable clothing and household goods, occupied them during the Epiphany and Lenten season. This box was valued at $70. They have mite chests out for the united offering, the contents to be taken in September and sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. P. K. Roots. This offering, which is made at the triennial convention by the Woman's Auxiliary in 1898, is for the training, sending out and support of women workers in the Mission fields. We hope all branches of the Auxiliary who are not supplied with mite chests for the united offering will apply at once to the Secretary. We must have our share in that grand offering made by the women of the Church. For women, our representatives in Mission work, Helena is doing good faithful work under the management of her efficient officers and devoted Rector.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, reports regular meetings, held weekly during Advent, Epiphany and Lent. This branch prepared a box of clothing, valued at $35, for Rev. D. Watson Winn, of Georgia. They have on hand a box of hospital supplies to be given to the Logan H. Roots Memorial Hospital as soon as formally opened. During Lent they did charitable work in our city and gave an offering of $6 to Diocesan Missions. The Secretary writes: "We do not feel discouraged; we are

learning more of the Church's needs and of the demand for woman's work. Our small band of earnest workers will, I am sure, be ever ready to do their part in extending the Church in Mission fields. The officers of the Cathedral Branch are Mrs. P. K. Roots, President; Mrs. D. I. Hobbs, Secretary and Treasurer.

Christ Church, Little Rock, has held monthly meetings with much regularity and good attendance. During the Trinity season they gave $20 to the Board of Missions, at that time facing the dreadful deficit to be met in September.

Advent was occupied with preparing and sending a box of clothing to Mr. Frank Smith, Lay Reader in El Reno, Oklahoma. The value of the box was $50. We place no estimate upon the privilege this branch considered it to prepare and send this box. Epiphany and Lent they worked for Diocesan Missions, sending an offering to Mr. Adams, the Treasurer, of $25. They also made a gift of $4.75 to Mr. James, of Eureka Springs, for the purchase of hymnals to be used in his Parish.

"The Spirit of Missions" is kept in circulation in Christ Church Branch and we believe much good has come from the information given by this valuable little pamphlet. We commend it to all branches of the Auxiliary.

Lake Village has kept up faithfully with its meetings and monthly pledges, sending quarterly a donation to Miss Emery to be used for Missions in any way that she saw fit to advise. This little band of faithful devoted Church women have given $43 to the cause of Christ and for the spread of His kingdom within the last year. If all would catch the spirit of Lake

Village and do as I urged in my report of last year, send a small offering, which could be combined with other small offerings, we would soon have a blessing upon the Church in Arkansas. Your Secretary and President have been in correspondence about the work in the Diocese during the past year, consulting as to the best way to get the Auxiliary established. We believe the time is fast coming when all of our Clergy will see the necessity of establishing the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in their Parishes. Nothing so strengthens and blesses as to go outside of ourselves and do something, however little, for some others less fortunate than we are. The proof of love is in giving. A love that gives nothing, makes no sacrifice, is not love. Love is large and generous, high and holy. He that seeks only his own loves not God or man, and to love only self is to miss the sweetness of life, its hope, its aim, its end.

Canon Liddon says it was by such love as this that the Church was built up. It was built up not by the powerful or the learned or the wealthy but by thousands of poor men and women whose hearts were filled with the love of our Lord and who spent their lives in giving their little all to the cause of His Kingdom and His Glory.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN GASS,

Secretary Woman's Auxiliary, Arkansas.

APPENDIX IX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 1896-7.

The Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions begs leave to report as follows:

It has held meetings May 1, 1896, July 22, 1896, November 11, 1896, February 3, 1897, May 6, 1897, and May 7, 1897. These meetings were much better attended than last year. At the meeting May 10, 1896, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the different Parishes and Missions, stating that the Board contemplated occupying the following new places during the current year, with the assistance of two additional Missionaries: In Helena Convocation, Lake Village, Monticello, Arkansas City and Laconia; in Little Rock Convocation, Russellville, Conway, Dardanelle and Atkins; in Fort Smith Convocation, Ozark and Alma; that in consequence a much larger sum would be needed this year than last, begging increased appropriations and asking them to state definitely what they would do. Most of the responses to this letter were indefinite, declining to make specific pledges, but saying they would do what they could. Rev. E. J. Williams, then at Marianna and Forrest City, thought he would be safe in promising $25 for Forrest City, and Marianna the same. They would do more but one was busy clearing off the debt on the Church and the other building a Rectory. Rev. T. P. Daniels promised $5, and more

if he could. The subjoined report of the Treasurer shows that at the beginning of the year, May 1, 1896, the balance on hand was $382.91; that the receipts during the year were $484.63, and the expenditures during the year $559.75. So that, had it not been for the balance on hand, the Board could not have met the pressing needs of the Missionaries now in the field. Under the circumstances of course no new territory could be occupied without lessening the services at places now worked, and these services are too few as they are. No doubt the falling off in the receipts is due largely to the increased financial depression and the vexed financial policy of the country. The fact that nearly all the contributing places showed about the same per cent of deficit would seem to indicate this. But it is also due, in part, the Board is of opinion, to the failure of many places to put into operation systematic monthly contributions. Many places have not given until this last quarter, and some not at all. The Deans of the several Convocations have done their best to arouse enthusiasm and zeal. Rev. John Gass, Dean of the Little Rock Convocation, read letters from points in his territory, in substance as follows:

"Dardanelle would do all in its power to help him. Only two members there; not enough to build up. Russellville did not think it advisable to hold services there, as there were no members. Conway had thirteen members, and the outlook was good."

In the Helena Convocation a splendid work has been done, considering the limited resources. But the Board feels that it ought to say that the Missionary field of Arkansas is in a deplor-

able condition, owing to lack of money, and consequently of men, and it reiterates its conviction that now is the crisis in the history of the Church in Arkansas. As we are able to see and grapple with the conditions, so will take our place among the religious bodies in influencing and molding the character of citizenship and of the Christianity of the people of Arkansas for all time to come, so will be our success or failure as a Church.

The attempt to publish a Diocesan Missionary organ has been a failure, partly owing to want of co-operative effort on the part of some of the Clergy, and partly to the lack of means of the Laity. The Rev. John Gass reported only one subscriber heard from at Fort Smith and one at Van Buren, and none from any other place, and the enterprise was dropped until the will of the Council shall be known.

The Board expects to secure 250 pass books in a few weeks to be used in the various Missions that are unable to purchase.

A second letter was issued by the Board to the various Parishes and Missions in the Diocese at its last meeting, February 3, 1897, which was productive of good results. The Mission force has also been weakened during the last year by the death of Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., of Morrilton. Our beloved brother was old and full of years of faithful and unostentatious service in the Master's cause, and, having fought a good fight, having kept the faith, having finished his course, he has been called home to rest and enter into the joy of his Lord.

We thank our Heavenly Father that He has spared in health and strength our beloved Diocesan, who has gone in and out among us with such wisdom, tenderness and sympathy; and

we pray that his days may yet be prolonged for many years. But we feel that the hardships of the Missionary field of this Diocese, with its few facilities for travel, are too much for him to bear unassisted, as he has often warned the Diocese.

The Board would emphasize the fact that while the needs of the Mission field are constantly increasing, the offerings are diminishing, the amount raised this year being $99.10 less than last. That many small places have made large offerings, while others much better able have done little, and five places absolutely nothing.

We sincerely hope that both Clergy and Laity will realize the vital emergency and will put forth every effort to increase their offerings the coming year, and send them in quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. ALLEN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX X.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS, YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Christ Church, Little Rock	$ 96 02	
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	5 40	
St. John's, Fort Smith	76 00	
St. Agnes', Morrilton	6 25	
Mammoth Spring	2 20	
St. John's, Helena	112 50	
St. Andrew's, Marianna	21 58	
Brinkley	4 40	
St. Paul's, Newport	4 00	
St. Paul's, Batesville	9 90	
Woman's Auxiliary Christ Church, Little Rock	24 38	
Woman's Auxiliary Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	6 00	
St. Paul's S. S., Batesville	5 00	
St. Philip's, Little Rock	3 00	
Trinity S. S., Little Rock	20 00	
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	30 00	
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	25 00	
St. John's, Camden	20 00	
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	2 00	
Woman's Auxiliary, Lake Village	11 00	
	$484 63	484 63
Balance forward from former year		382 91
Total		$867 54

CREDIT BY PAID OUT.

Rev. E. J. Williams	$175 00
Rev. R. S. James	125 00
Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter	50 00
Rev. J. W. Keeble	25 00
Rev. E. L. Ogilby	54 15
Rev. John Gass, Dean Mission Work	25 00
Rev. W. T. Allen, Dean Mission Work	20 25
For Printing Missionary	36 00

Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Dean Mission Work	39 00	
Postage and Exchange	35	
	$549 75	
Paid out account Registrar to be returned by Treasurer of Diocese	10 00	
	$559 75	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	307 79	
Total		$867 54

Very respectfully submitted,

A. F. ADAMS.

Treasurer Board of Missions.

APPENDIX XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, the Committee on State of the Church, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that owing to inadequate reports from some places and no reports from others, it is impossible to arrive at the true condition of the Diocese. We would therefore urge upon the Council the necessity of exacting more complete and accurate reports and that each place should be reported. Some of the reports are self-contradictory.

If we are to judge from the reports handed in, the Church throughout the whole Diocese has had a net gain of 104 communicants, and an actual loss of 262 confirmed persons. Its property has, according to reports, decreased to the extent of $5,947, which might be accounted for by the increase in the purchasing power of the dollar and the consequent apparent shrinkage in values, for the reports further show an actual increase in property and funds of the Church. The debts are only 5 1-2 per cent of the value of Church property as reported.

Contributions have fallen off $3,733.71 from last year.

There has been a gain of $1,451.49 in the Bishop's Endowment fund, but it is inadequate to our needs, and we recommend an additional tax upon each Parish and Mission Station in order to raise the salary of a Bishop-Coadjutor.

The Diocese has gained greatly in the additions to its Clergy list since last Council, whose work has been productive of great results considering the short time they have been in the Diocese,

thus strengthening the Church in all respects. But it is evident to your committee that no aggressive work in the extension of the Church has been done or can be done without an Assistant Bishop.

We hereby record our love and loyalty to our dear Diocesan and our high appreciation of the great work he has done in this Diocese of outlying Missions, with few facilities of travel, entailing many hardships in reaching them, and we pray that our Heavenly Father may spare him to us for many years to come.

But we feel that the necessities of this Diocese are far beyond his strength, and ungrateful longer on his growing years. Because we would keep him with us and for the good of the Church, we record our earnest conviction that a Bishop-Coadjutor is a pressing and instant necessity.

From information at hand the Ladies' Auxiliary has fully sustained the well-merited scriptural reputation for devotion to the Master's cause, by their magnificent work in the places at which it has been established, strengthening the Church and proving its fitness to permanent recognition and right to be ranked as one of the strongest arms of the Church. They have borne ample witness to the wisdom of the choice of its officers in this field, and we bid them a hearty Godspeed.

The Parish at Helena is about to erect a splendid brick Church at a cost of about $25,000, nearly all of which is in hand. The Parish at Fort Smith has laid its stone foundation at a cost of over $2,100, and has assets to the amount of $5,000 towards completing the superstructure. It will be of stone. Both of these Church edifices will be great additions to the Diocese.

The reports of our Missionaries show earnest, faithful work in their difficult field. A lot has been given the Church at Imboden which is in charge of Rev. E. J. Williams.

The Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions reports a falling off in receipts owing to failure in many places to give, and to financial depression.

We cannot close the report without expressing our deep regret at the death of our beloved friend and brother, the Rev. D. S. C. M. Potter, D. D., of Morrilton. A faithful Priest, a true friend, a loyal Churchman, a guileless soul, he has entered into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. His place is yet vacant. We trust God will send us the man to fill it in the near future.

On the whole the Diocese appears to your committee to be in its normal condition, with an upward tendency that is encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. ALLEN,
G. W. FLOWERS,
E. J. WILLIAMS,
N. B. TRULOCK.

TRINITY CHURCH, VAN BUREN.

The Rev. George Walton Flowers, Rector.

Sidney Austin Pernot and Henry Faber, Wardens.

Sidney Austin Pernot, Clerk; George Miller, Treasurer.

Number of families 30. Baptisms, infants 7, adults 3, total 10. Confirmations 2. Marriages 2. Burials 3. Num-

ber of confirmed persons 113. Present number 68. Sunday School, teachers 7, pupils 61, total 68. Public services, on Sunday 156, on other days 626. Holy Communion 64. Sittings in the Church (number) 250.

OFFERINGS.

PAROCHIAL: Communion alms, $22.20; current expenses, $514.30; payment of debts, $118.43; other Parochial expenses, viz: $29.91; balance on hand, $7.76; total, $692.60.

MISSIONS: General, $9.63; Jews, .15; total, $9.78. Total for all objects, $702.38.

PARISH PROPERTY: Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $1,275; value of Church building, $2,000; value of Rectory, $600. Total value of all Parish property, $3,875; total indebtedness of the Parish, $217.

Remarks: There are but two organizations in this Parish: (1) Trinity Guild, which has about twenty-six members, all of whom are Communicants of the Parish. This Guild has expended during the year $123.10, and has a balance on hand of $6.15. (2) The Daughters of the King, with eight members. This organization has maintained for the past six months a Charity Home and Hospital. They report an expenditure of $152.85 for six months past. They have had in the hospital nine patients, who have received all attention free. Two persons died there, one was transferred to Fort Smith. Five orphans found homes for. Six individuals cared for; for a few days, fourteen families cared for.

APPENDIX XII.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your committee submits a list of unpaid assessments and of assessments for the ensuing year.

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	7 00
Redeemer, Nashville	7 00
Trinity, Van Buren	21 00
	$ 35 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

St. Paul's, Batesville	$ 15 00
St. John's, Camden	10 00
St. James', Eureka Springs	5 00
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	30 00
St. John's, Helena	50 00
St. Mark's, Hope	10 00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	30 00
St. John's, Fort Smith	50 00
Christ Church, Little Rock	100 00
Trinity, Little Rock	30 00
St. Andrew's, Marianna	5 00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	5 00
St. Agnes', Morrilton	5 00
Redeemer, Nashville	3 00
St. Paul's, Newport	12 00
Trinity, Pine Bluff	30 00
Trinity, Van Buren	10 00
Grace, Washington	5 00
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	5 00
St. Philip's, Little Rock	2 50
	$412 50

R. S. JAMES, Chairman,
R. V. McCRACKEN,
DAY MILLS.

APPENDIX XIII.

TABULATED PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parishes and Missions.	Lay Readers.	Number of Registered Parishioners.	Number of Families	Baptisms—Infants.	Baptisms—Adults.	Total.	Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	Number of Confirmed Persons.	Communicants—Admitted.	Communicants—Received.	Communicants—Died.	Communicants—Removed.	Communicants—Present Number.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils.	Total.	Public Services—On Sunday.	Public Services—On Other Days.	Holy Communion.	Sittings in the Church—Number.	Free, Assigned, Rented.*	Services are Supported by.†
Batesville, St. Paul's	....	....	47			7	7	....	2	90	7	....			90	6	60	66	....	.....	.....	250	a	fgh
Camden, St. John's	1	74	19			3	2	2	2	50	2	....		2	48	6	32	38	117	62	20	180	a	fgh
Eureka Springs, St. James'	1	40	20			3	3	1	2	40	3	....	2	6	40	3	30	33	71	12	12	120	a	fgh
Fayetteville, St. Paul's	1	....	..	88		12	24	....	5	198	....	....			195	9	70	76	156	736	100	250	a	fgh
Forrest City, Good Shepherd	1	90	21	88		4	..	....	2	38	....	4	2		38	2	37	43	82	9	5	200	a	fgh
Fort Smith, St. John's	1	319	108	88	5	13	19	3	7	255	....	6		30	255		100	111	108	75	50	250	a	fgh
Helena, St. John's	3	390	105	9		11	7	1	6	234	7	1		24	234	16	141	157	109	110	49	450	a	fgh
Hope, St. Mark's	1	....	17			1	....	1		31	....	....			31	5	30	35	.....	..	....	150	a	
Hot Springs, St. Luke's	2	329	80			1	....	2	4	60	6	6		10	158	5	30	35	112	66	37	500	ab	fgh
Little Rock, Christ Church	....	....	..	70		74	32	15	30	483	31	42	5	4	483	45	325	370	130	256	35	650	ac	fgh
Little Rock, Trinity Cathedral	2	300	60		4	11	21	6	6	41	21	.....		1	105	9	91	100	105	105	80	500	a	fgh
Little Rock, St. Philip's	....	129	17		2	5	7	1	2	49	.	7		8	40	2	89	97	76	16	17	250	a	fgh
Mammoth Spring, St. Andrew's		28	10			1	..	1		22	....	....			22	4	25	29	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Marianna, St. Andrew's		89	20			3	2	....		53	2	4		1	51	5	42	47	65	14	7	120	a	fh
Morrilton, St. Agnes'		33	9			....	..	....		29	....	....		3	29	6	35	41	46	2	9	100	a	fh
Newport, St. Paul's		..	31			3	6	1		57	6	....	2	....	57	6	35	41	52	15	.....	100	a	fh
Pine Bluff, Trinity		...	97		10	10	44	2		22	44	10		2	221	10	100	10	30	40	11	450	a	fh
Van Buren, Trinity		...	..			...	2	....		....	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	
Brinkley, St. Luke's		53	7	4		4	....	.....		33	....	....		3	30	4	20	24	27	10	8	40	a	h
Imboden, St. Matthew's		....	2	6		6	1	.....		3	3	....		....	3		27	31	14	3	5	.....	.....	
Jonesboro, St. Mark's		.....	4	3		5	3			23	3	....		1	23		....		26	4	7	.....	a	fh
Lake Village, Emmanuel		.....	55			....	....			12	....	....	....	....	12		....		....	.....	.....	.....	....	
Monticello, St. Mary's		13	8			....	.....			....	....	....	....	....	....		....		.....	..	.....	.....		
Nashville, Redeemer		12	3			1	2			8	2	....	....	1	8		....		1	10	8	100	a	fh
Rocky Comfort, St. Mary's		40	18	4	3	7	10			35	9	1	....		26		....		13	1	14			fh
Washington, Grace		26	9		1	1	4			17	4	1	....	.....	13		....		12	....	12	160	a	fh
Wynne, St. Thomas		12	7		....	....	....			6	6	....	....	....	6		14		2	3	1	..	....	
	15	....	....	152	40	192	196	37	75	2938	156	82	30	104	2218	69	1333	1502	1414	1549	487	4880	....	....

*(a) Free; (b) Assigned; (c) Rented. †(d) Endowment; (e) Pew rents; (f) Annual subscription; (g) Weekly envelope system; (h) Voluntary contributions.

APPENDIX XIII.

TABULATED PAROCHIAL REPORTS—*Continued.*

Parishes and Missions.	Financial Reports.																	
	Parochial—Communion Alms.	Parochial—Current Expenses.	Parochial—Payment of Debts.	Other Parochial Expenses.	Diocesan—Diocesan Assessment.	Diocesan—Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan—Episcopate Fund.	Diocesan—Aged and Infirm Clergy.	Diocesan—Ark. Church Bldg Fund.	Missions—General.	Missions—Foreign.	Missions—Domestic.	Missions—Jews.	Missions—Amer. Church Bldg Fund.	Missions—University of the South.	Other Objects Without the Diocese.	Total for all Objects.
Batesville, St. Paul's	$ 82 55	$ 500 00	$	$	$ 15 00	$ 15 00	$	$15 00	$ 6 48	$	$	$ 15 00	$	$	$	$	$ 649 03
Camden, St. John's	32 65	76 40	.....	11 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	14 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 47
Eureka Springs, St. James'	24 50	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	228 00
Fayetteville, St. Paul's	108 00	902 38	.....	.....	31 50	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	13 54	2 65	.....	.....	5 60	1,067 67
Forrest City, Good Shepherd	4 00	294 39	.....	218 00	5 00	3 25	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	525 99
Fort Smith, St. John's	75 00	1,320 55	.....	.....	30 00	76 00	.....	6 35	13 52	.....	5 00	18 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,544 90
Helena, St. John's	15 80	2,044 97	500	365 50	50 00	112 70	56 20	17 50	4 90	.....	4 35	18 20	.....	.....	5 00	13 25	3,208 37
Hope, St. Mark's	.....	31 20	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 20
Hot Springs, St. Luke's	25 25	1,473 58	513	849 67	64 00	50 00	.....	.....	10 25	.....	.....	7 35	4 65	.....	.....	8 35	3,006 10
Little Rock, Christ Church	240 00	4,815 00	.....	1276 75	100 00	132 40‡	.....	.....	33 00	34 00	17 45	15 00	.....	.....	18 00	50 00	6,731 60
Little Rock, Trinity Cathedr'l	25 40	2,500 00	.....	.....	30 00	26 00	20 00	.....	8 35	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,659 75
Little Rock, St. Philip's	5 35	15 00	.....	38 50	2 50	3 00	.....	.....	2 15	5 00	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	72 10
Mammoth Spg, St. Andrew's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
Marianna, St. Andrew's	6 25	182 55	.....	1500 00	7 00	21 58	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,739 63
Morrilton, St. Agnes'	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 25
Newport, St. Paul's	12 26	429 02	.....	38 44	12 00	4 00	2 00	6 90	6 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	518 62
Pine Bluff, Trinity	103 65	771 85	.....	507 75	31 50	30 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,469 75
Van Buren, Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55
Brinkley, St. Luke's	.....	.....	80	150 00	8 00	4 40	.....	.....	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	244 55
Imboden, St. Matthew's	9 35	60 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	1 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 76
Jonesboro, St. Mark's	25 00	153 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 62	.....	.....	6 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	188 31
Lake Village, Emmanuel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00
Monticello, St. Mary's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nashville, Redeemer	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 50
Rocky Comfort, St. Mary's	.....	143 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 37
Washington, Grace	.....	136 27	.....	.....	7 00	.....	3 00	50	2 15	15 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	164 27
Wynne, St. Thomas	2 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
	$797 01	$16,087 28	$1,093	$4955 61	$420 50	$510 58	$81 20	$49 05	$147 57	$119 27	$36 80	$133 47	$ 7 30	$ 60	$23 00	$77 20	$24,539 44

‡Of this $12 for Prayer Books for Mission Station.

APPENDIX XIII.

TABULATED PAROCHIAL REPORTS—*Concluded.*

Parishes and Missions.	Financial Condition of the Parishes, 1897.						
	Parish Property Value of all Parish Land Exclu. of Bldgs	Value of Church Building.	Value of Rectory.	Other Parish Property.	Endowments or Invested Funds Amount to.	Total Value of all Parish Property.	Total Indebtedness of the Parish.
Batesville, St. Paul's	$	$ 2,500	$	$ 200	$	$ 2,700	$ .....
Camden, St. John's	.....	3,000	600	30	.....	3,630	.....
Eureka Springs, St. James'	.....	800	150	.....	.....	950	.....
Fayetteville, St. Paul's	.....	6,000	3,000	.....	.....	9,000	.....
Forrest City, Good Shepherd	400	2,600	.....	300	.....	3,300	140
Fort Smith, St. John's	9,000	1,500	1,200	2,100	5,000	18,800	.....
Helena, St. John's	.....	.....	7,000	4,000	24,100	35,100	500
Hope, St. Mark's	100	750	.....	.....	.....	850	.....
Hot Springs, St. Luke's	.....	30,000	.....	.....	.....	30,000	3,400
Little Rock, Christ Church	.....	60,000	8,000	1,000	.....	69,000	7,000
Little Rock, Trinity Cathedral	6,000	10,000	2,000	.....	.....	18,000	.....
Little Rock, St. Philip's	1,500	1,000	500	.....	.....	3,000	.....
Mammoth Spring, St. Andrew's	400	1,000	1,000	.....	.....	2,400	140
Marianna, St. Andrew's	500	2,500	1,600	.....	.....	4,600	1,200
Morrilton, St. Agnes'	500	1,950	490	.....	.....	2,940	.....
Newport, St. Paul's	.....	1,000	500	.....	.....	1,500	.....
Pine Bluff, Trinity	.....	15,000	3,000	750	.....	18,750	.....
Van Buren, Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brinkley, St. Luke's	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	600	.....
Imboden, St. Matthew's	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	60	.....
Jonesboro, St. Mark's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Village, Emmanuel	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....
Monticello, St. Mary's	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	.....
Nashville, Redeemer	.....	900	.....	.....	.....	900	.....
Rocky Comfort, St. Mary's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington, Grace	.....	1,200	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....
Wynne, St. Thomas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$ 18,475	$142,360	$ 29,040	$8,405	$ 29,100	$227,370	$ 12,380

NOTE.—This being the first time the new form of blank reports has been used the above is not as accurate as it is hoped it may be in future. Last year's report showed 2,500 communicants, in which the scattering and nonenumerated were estimated at 500, which is doubtless a low estimate. There are probably 2,800 confirmed persons in the Diocese.

APPENDIX XIV.

SUMMARY OF "REMARKS" IN PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Rev. J. W. Keeble, Batesville and Newport—Not one communicant has died during my four years' ministry in either Parish.

Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Fayetteville—Report includes St. Stephen's Mission, Winslow, and communicants under my care in other parts of Washington and in Benton County. We have $500 towards a Church home and about $100 towards endowment of the Rectorship in hands of a Trustee for investment. The prospects for the Church in my field were never brighter. We badly need another Clergyman in the field.

Rev. E. L. Ogilby, Forrest City—Took charge first Wednesday in Advent last. The attendance upon the services has increased. A fine, large new organ has been provided and paid for, and steps are being taken to complete the furnishing of the excellent and well arranged Church building. There is a very encouraging outlook for the Parish.

Rev. W. T. Allen, Fort Smith—Owing to removal of jurisdiction of Indian Territory from the United States Court here, during the ecclesiastical year, great loss of trade and business depression, affecting the Church's revenues, has resulted; and also caused the removal of many communicants to the Indian Territory and other places.

Rev. Wm. Cross, Hot Springs—The Rev. W. J. Miller held his last service as Rector of this Parish May 3, 1896. From that date till All Saints' Day following services were held

by the Lay Readers, R. B. Bancroft and C. S. Mellard. Too much cannot be said in commendation of these gentlemen, who, through the long hot summer kept the Church open, maintained the services and held the people together until November 1, when the present incumbent took charge of the Parish.

Rev. John Gass, Christ Church—In June last, Rev. James Noble became assistant in this Parish. I cannot speak too highly of his work. Under his guidance the Missions of the Parish have increased and are in a healthy condition. Never before have they been as strong as now. In the services of the Parish also, he has given great help. The Ladies' Aid for year have raised about $360; Daughters of the King, about $350; St. Phoebe's Guild, $25, and St. Agnes' Guild, $50. During the year a handsome carved walnut eagle lectern has been put in the Church as a memorial to Bishop Otey; a walnut prayer desk, as a memorial to Bishop Freeman, and a brass credence as a memorial to Mrs. Margaret Wassell. Under the blessing of God the Parish is in a strong, healthy condition.

Rev. James Noble—I have been assistant since June 13, 1896, and in charge of the chapels connected with the Parish. I have baptized forty-eight souls in our Mission field. Two persons have been confirmed; marriages, 2; burials, 12. With the exception of four Sundays, I have kept an average of four engagements every Lord's Day on this and the other side of the river, and with God's help, done whatever I could as pertaining to the office of a Deacon.

Very Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Trinity Cathedral—I regret to say that the work at Searcy was placed under another Parish

and that no services have been held at that place. A Sunday School was organized at West Little Rock last July, and from the beginning this work has been self-sustaining. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism has been administered to four persons, and seven have been confirmed. The average attendance has been nearly fifty, with a total enrollment of 125 children.

Isaiah P. Daniels, St. Philip's—The whole class presented to the Bishop for confirmation this year were from the denominations. Have started a Mission in Southeast part of the city.

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Rev. E. J. Williams, Jonesboro—Mission organized June 1, 1896. Decided progress. Struggle to maintain services at times, but greater regularity and increase in the offerings. Attendance doubled since June 1. Number of worshipers and communicants increased.

Lake Village, Dean Lockwood—Not a male communicant in the neighborhood. Church destroyed by storm seven years ago. No Minister for fifteen or twenty years. It really looks as if the Church was entirely given up in this locality.

Monticello, Mrs. J. S. Dunn, President St. Mary's Guild, to Dean Lockwood—Have not organized Sunday School yet, but have ten children we think will attend. Guild has $14.50 in treasury. Have received a handsome contribution of prayer-books, hymnals and other devotional books from the New York Bible and Prayer Book Society.

Rev. E. L. Ogilby, Wynne—Fine prospect of an established Mission at this point. Half dozen earnest workers. Reasonable hope of donation of lot and then steps will be taken to erect small wooden chapel.

APPENDIX XV.

THE

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

AND

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

Diocese of Arkansas.

APPENDED TO THE JOURNAL BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL.

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CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

PREAMBLE.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas conforms to the Constitutions and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as set forth by the General Convention of the same, to which Constitutions and Canons this Diocese hereby accedes, and subordinates herself, according to the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY.

There are three orders of the Clergy:

1. The Bishop, who exercises all the functions of the Ministry, presides over the Church by Apostolic Authority, and has the sole right to ordain, to confirm and to pronounce judicial sentence on offenders; and governs the Church in this Diocese according to the Holy Scriptures and the Canons of this Church.

2. The Priests, or Presbyters, who preach the Word, administer the sacraments of the Church and have the oversight and pastoral care of the Laity in their several Congregations. They also have the right to advise their Bishop and to share in the government of the Church, according to the Canons.

3. The Deacons, who, having received limited office in the general Ministry, serve in the same where they may be appointed by the Bishop. They are subject to the orders of

the Bishop, cannot take the Rectorship of a Church, and must be under the care and supervision of some Priest, who shall direct them in their work.

The Laity are divided and organized, according to local convenience, into Parishes or Congregations. They commit the general management of their parochial business to a portion of their own number, annually elected, and called Wardens and Vestrymen. To these belong the administration of all the secular concerns of their particular Parish; but they have no part in the spiritual government of the Church, which belongs to the Clergy alone.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE COUNCIL.

There shall be a Council of the Diocese annually, at such time and place as the Council may, from time to time, determine; and, in case of its failure to do so, the Bishop shall appoint the time and place. In the Council, the Bishop shall preside by virtue of his office. The Clergy shall sit by right of their order, and the Laity shall be represented by delegates chosen by the Vestry for that purpose from among the male communicants of each Congregation, or in case of organized Missions, to be appointed by the Minister in charge.

The Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall, ex-officio, be entitled to seats in the Council, with privilege of debate, but shall have no vote as such.

Special Councils may be called by the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee,

when some urgent necessity may require our action by the Diocese.

Without the concurrence of the Clergy and the Laity, no rule of law of the church can be adopted, changed or done away.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS.

See Amendment Article 3, page 29, Proceedings 1895, as follows:

"In the Diocese of Arkansas, all Parishes, Missions and Congregations shall be organized in conformity with the Canon relating thereto, and no Parish shall have an organic existence or corporate life in said Diocese unless acknowledged by the Council and approved by the Bishop."

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE SUPPORT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHURCH.

The Council, by Canon or resolution, may establish special funds—

1. For the support of the Episcopate.
2. For the support of Missionaries.
3. For the support of aged and infirmed Clergymen.
4. For Church building.
5. For education of men for the Ministry; and take all other measures necessary for the advancement of Christ's kingdom; Provided, That this article does not imply any power to make any assessment except for the necessary expenses of the

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Diocese, *"which shall include all current expenses, and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund."

ARTICLE V.

OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

The Clergy, Priests and Deacons may be tried by an ecclesiastical court, composed of Presbyters chosen for that purpose. But there shall be no such trial, except on due presentment, and according to the Canon for the trial of Clergymen set forth in this Diocese, and the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE TENURE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose names the property of any Congregation or Parish may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee, under their hands given, grant, alienate or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of said Congregation or Parish, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

ARTICLE VII.

OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

A proposal to amend this Constitution must be laid before the Council in writing, and, if approved, shall lie over until the

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by adding the words in quotation marks. Confirmed by action of the Seventeenth Annual Council.

next Annual Council, and in the meantime, shall be notified to the Parishes; and then, if it be approved by the Bishop, and by two-thirds of the Clergy, and by two-thirds of the Laity present, voting by orders, the proposed amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

THE CANONS.

ENACTED BY THE FIRST ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D. 1872. RE VISED BY THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D. 1887, ALSO BY THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D. 1891, AND AS AMENDED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL, A. D. 1895.

TITLE I.

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

CANON I.*

OF THE COUNCIL.

Section 1. The members of the Council shall consist of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese having the following qualifications: Every Clergyman having been admitted canonically by the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be a member of the Council; but no Clergyman shall be qualified to vote at the election of a Bishop unless he shall have been canonically and actually a resident of the Diocese for six months. Every Parish regularly organized as required by the Constitution, shall be entitled to send three Delegates to the Council, and every duly organized Mission Station shall be entitled to send one Delegate;

*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by omitting the words, "Episcopate Fund and the current," and in lieu thereof inserting the word "necessary." By the action of the Seventeenth Annual Council amended to read as now printed.

Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words "and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment."

Note—By action of the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, it was ordered that the sections be numbered consecutively.

Provided always, That such Delegates shall be communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, whether Clergyman or Layman, shall be allowed a seat in the Council.

Sec. 2. The first Standing Committee appointed by the Bishop, after the Council has been duly organized, and the last to make a report, shall be a Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of one Priest and two Laymen, whose duty it shall be to consider the condition of each Parish and Mission, and to make an equitable assessment upon them, to be applied to the expenses of the Diocese, which shall include all current expenses and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund. The Lay Delegates from each Parish to the Diocesan Council shall, as a necessary part of their credentials, present to the Council the receipt of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or other satisfactory evidence, showing the payment of this assessment and that their Parish is not in arrears on any prior assessment; Provided, That the Council, when formally organized, may, for good and sufficient reasons, excuse any delinquent Parish or Mission from the payment of any portion or all of this assessment.

Sec. 3. The Council shall, ordinarily, deliberate and vote without any distinction of orders; but any member may call for a division upon any question, and if this call is sustained by two other members, then the question shall be put first to the Clergy and next to the Laity, who shall vote by Parishes; and in such a case a majority of both orders shall be necessary to constitute an affirmative vote of the Council.

Sec. 4. The Bishop presides in Council by virtue of his office, and has the right to express his opinion upon every subject that may come before the Council. In the absence of the Bishop, the Council shall elect a Chairman from the Clergy present. At each Council a Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a joint ballot of the whole body.

Sec. 5. When a Bishop is to be elected, the Council shall always vote by orders, in this wise: The Clergy shall make a nomination by ballot, and a majority of Lay Delegates, voting by Parishes, shall concur by ballot, in order to constitute an election.

Sec. 6. When any great necessity shall arise, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, may call a special Council. In such case, four weeks' notice shall be given to every Clergyman and to one of the Wardens in every Parish in the Diocese, stating the time, place and objects of the special Council; and no other matters shall be proposed or acted upon than those specified in the call of said special Council.

CANON II*

OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Sec. 7. The Secretary of the Council shall keep in a fit book, full and exact records of all its acts, and shall preserve all papers, documents, memorials, etc., belonging to same, duly indorsed and filed in such way that they may be easily consulted

*Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council by inserting the words "or trustee of any fund." Also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, by inserting the word "which" after the word funds, and the word "Council" instead of Auditing Committee, in section 8.

whenever recourse to them may be necessary. He shall also prepare, under the direction of the Bishop, at least one week before the meeting of the Council, a list of all the Ministers canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing their respective stations, distinguishing Priests from Deacons, but not inserting the name of any Clergyman who is suspended from the Ministry. The list thus prepared shall be laid before the Council immediately after it shall be called to order, and the names of the clerical members shall be called therefrom. Nevertheless, the Council has power immediately to order the correction of any errors or omissions.

Sec. 8. The Treasurer shall have charge of the General Fund of the Diocese, and all other funds which the Council may commit to his care, and shall keep a strict account of the same in a fit book, with distinct places therein for all proper entries. He shall keep a regular account with all funds and with all persons and Parishes concerned, and shall annually exhibit a balance sheet to the Council. He shall indorse and file away all warrants, orders or other papers belonging to his department, and shall have his accounts audited at each Council by the Finance Committee.

Sec. 9. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, or Trustee of any fund, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint a fit person to fill the vacancy, who shall receive all records, funds and papers from the hands of the former officer or his legal representatives, and such appointee shall continue in office and perform all the duties thereof until the ensuing Council shall have elected some one to fill the same.

CANON III.*

OF THE REGISTRAR.

Sec. 10. A Registrar shall be elected by the Council, into whose keeping shall be committed all documents pertaining to the history of the church in the Diocese of Arkansas, that are now, or may hereafter become, the property of the Council. Said Registrar shall preserve all documents herein referred to, in some suitable place of deposit, and shall hold them subject to such regulations as the Council may, from time to time, prescribe.

Sec. 11. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, and until another shall be chosen in his place.

CANON IV.†

OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL.

Sec. 12. Every Clergyman of the Diocese shall attend the Annual Council, unless he is excused by the Bishop.

Sec. 13. Every Parish shall send Lay Delegates to the Annual Council, and the Vestry shall make provision for their representation unless excused by the Council.

Sec. 14. No member of the Council shall leave the same during the sessions without having obtained leave of absence from the Council.

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*Amended by the Twenty-third Council, 1895, to read: "Said Registrar shall," etc.

†As amended by the action of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Annual Councils, and by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, a verbal change—"It shall be the duty," etc., to "The Vestry shall."

CANON V.

OF THE NUMBER NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

Sec. 15. A quorum for ordinary business at the Annual Council shall consist of such Clergy and Delegates from the Parishes as may be present; but, if the Bishop be not present, such quorum shall have power only to receive reports of committees and Parishes, and to refer the same; to elect the ordinary officers and committees, and to fix the time and place for the next Council. In the election of a Bishop, two-thirds of the Clergy and a majority of all the Parishes shall be present before the Council proceed to elect. At any called Council, other than as provided for in Article 2 of the Constitution, a quorum shall consist of a majority of all the Clergy entitled to seats, and Lay Delegates from four or more Parishes.

CANON VI.

OF THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL.

Sec. 16. At the opening of every Council there shall be a celebration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon by a Priest appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver at that time a sermon or charge. And this may be preceded by morning prayer.

CANON VII.*

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

Sec. 17. At every Annual Council there shall be elected three Priests and two Laymen, by ballot, as a Standing Com-

*As amended by action of Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

mittee for the ensuing year. They shall elect from their own body a President and Secretary. They shall meet on the summons of the President. A quorum shall consist of three, two of whom, at least, shall be Priests. When required, they shall vote by orders.

Sec. 18. The Secretary shall keep a regular record of their proceedings in a book, which shall belong to the Diocese, and which, together with all papers in the possession of the Committee, shall be open to the inspection of the Committee, or the Council or the Bishop when required.

Sec. 19. The Standing Committee shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish their advice; and they may meet, of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. And the President shall call a meeting at any time on the request in writing of any two members, or when he may deem it necessary.

Sec. 20. When the Episcopate is vacant, through any cause, the Standing Committee shall call a meeting forthwith, and, after consultation as to the time and place, summon a special Council of the Diocese, to elect a successor, with all convenient speed; Provided, That if such vacancy occur within less than six months before the Annual Council there shall be no special Council, but the election of a Bishop shall be deferred until the Annual Council; and during the vacancy, the Standing Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Ecclesiastical Authority consistent with their character as the administrators of the Diocese under Council.

CANON VIII.*

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sec. 21. At every Council the Presiding Officer shall appoint Standing Committees on—

1. Credentials of Lay Delegates.
2. Ways and Means.
3. Admission of New Parishes.
4. State of the Church.
5. Auditing and Finance.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Constitution and Canons.

And on such other subjects as he may deem requisite to put the Council in possession of properly proposed information for their action.

CANON IX.†

OF THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 22. Every Council shall elect Trustees for all funds that may be created.

Sec. 23. A Trustee shall be annually elected by the Council, who shall be known as the Trustee of the Episcopate Endowment Fund, and who shall be specially charged with the responsibility for the accumulation and investment of said fund.

*By the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council, the second section of Canon VIII was repealed.

†Amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council; and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895. The verbal change, "The said Trustees shall," instead of "It shall be the duty," etc., and changing the last sentence to read as it now stands.

As often as the amounts received by him shall aggregate the sum of $50, he shall invest the same, under the supervision of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese. The said Trustee shall make annual reports to the Council of the condition of said fund and the investment thereof. Each year said Trustee shall execute a bond with two or more sureties, to the State of Arkansas, for the use and benefit of the Diocese thereof; said bond shall be for such sum as the Council may require, and affirmed by the Standing Committee, which bond, when so affirmed, said committee shall file with the Registrar of the Diocese, subject to the control of the Diocese.

CANON X.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Sec. 24. Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen at each Annual Council, and shall continue in office until others are chosen.

Sec. 25. The Deputies to the General Convention shall be elected by ballot, the Clergy and Laity separately electing the Deputies and Substitutes of their respective orders.

Sec. 26. Substitutes for Deputies shall be elected one at a time; and, in the event of the registration or inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such vacancy shall be filled by the Substitutes in the order of election, and the Journal must show the order of election of Substitutes, Clerical or Lay.

CANON XI.

OF PUBLISHING THE JOURNAL.

Sec. 27. The proceedings of the Council shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and duly distributed, unless the Council shall otherwise order.

CANON XII.

OF FAILURE TO ELECT OFFICERS.

Sec. 28. In all cases of failure to elect officers, whether in the Council or in the Parish, the persons last elected shall continue to serve with full power until their successors are elected.

CANON XIII.*

OF THE CHANCELLOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

Sec. 29. There shall be elected by the Council, an officer learned in the law, under the title of Chancellor of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to act as the legal counsellor of the Bishop and of the Standing Committee, in matters affecting the interest of the church, as his professional counsel may be asked or required. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall hold his office for the term of three years, and, in the event of a vacancy, the Annual Council next ensuing shall elect a successor for the full term of three years.

Sec. 30. The Council shall annually elect two Laymen, learned in the law, who, together with the Chancellor, shall constitute the Judiciary Committee of the Diocese, and of which committee the Chancellor shall be chairman.

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

CANON XIV.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Section 31.—

1. Calling the roll.
2. Presentation of the Certificates of Lay Delegates.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Election of Secretary.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees of the Council.
7. Annual Address of the Bishop.
8. Report of Standing Committee of the Diocese.
9. The Board of Missions shall sit at the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Council.
10. Report of Special Committees.
11. Report of the Trustees of the several funds.
12. Report of the Auditing Committee.
13. Election of Treasurer.
14. Election of Standing Committee of the Diocese.
15. Report of Committee on State of the Church.
16. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.
17. Election of Trustees of the several funds.
18. Election of Trustees of the University of the South and other Trustees not specified.
19. Election of Registrar.
20. Election of Chancellor.

*As amended by the action of the Sixteenth Annual Council, the Twenty-first Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

21. Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.
22. Miscellaneous Business.
23. Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

TITLE II.

OF PARISHES AND PARISH MINISTERS.

CANON I.

Sec. 32. All vacant Parishes shall be under the pastoral care of the Bishop. He shall provide for public worship, as far as he can, by occasional services of the Clergy, and by fit persons appointed as Lay Readers.

CANON II.*

Sec. 33. When any Parish shall have elected a Rector, and he shall have accepted the call, the Vestry shall file with the Bishop a minute of their proceedings, including the particular agreement on their part and the acceptance of the elected Minister, showing that he accepts on the terms and agreements stipulated by the Vestry. The Bishop shall make record thereof, and the same shall be binding on the parties concerned, and held as a firm contract.

CANON III.

Sec. 34. The Rector shall preside at all Vestry meetings, if present, and open the same with prayer, and may advise, but not vote, on any question.

*Amended by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895, to read: "The Vestry shall," instead of "It shall be the duty," etc.

Sec. 35. To the Rector belongs the control of the keys of the church, and the right to open the church for public prayer, sermons, catechetical instructions, marriages, funerals, baptisms, and all rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, at all times when he may deem proper.

Sec. 36. The Church building shall never be used for any secular or profane purpose.

CANON IV.*

Sec. 37. Every Parish Minister shall keep a Parish Register, which shall be a well-bound book, and, as far as may be, uniform throughout the Diocese.

Sec. 38. In it shall be entered the names of all persons baptized, confirmed, married and buried in the Parish. It shall contain a list of all the communicants, of all families, and of individuals not thus included, belonging to the Parish, or regularly attending its services. A record of all collections made in the Church shall be kept.

Sec. 39. From this Register shall the annual Parochial reports be made to the Council, under all the heads that may be required by the Council or Canons.

CANON V.*

Sec. 40. The Vestry shall report, annually, to the Council, by their delegates, a full statement of their financial condition,

*As amended (verbal changes) by the action of the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

according to general order of the Council. This statement shall contain the amount and value of their property and the net income of their Parish.

CANON VI.

Sec. 41. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to make a full exhibit to the Bishop, at the time of his annual visitation, if he shall so require, of all their affairs, and receive from him counsel and advice for the conduct of the affairs of the Parish.

CANON VII.

Sec. 42. The organization of a new Parish shall be forthwith notified to the Bishop, and, if approved by him, the Parish may elect a Rector, and send Delegates and apply for admission to the Council.

Sec. 43. But if the new Parish proposed to be organized be within the territorial bounds of any existing Parish, the Bishop shall notify the Rector and Wardens thereof, and if objections be made thereto, notice shall be given to both parties, and the Bishop, within thirty days thereafter, shall hear the same before the Standing Committee, and the decision of the Standing Committee, approved by the Bishop, shall determine the case; Provided, That no Parish within any city shall be divided for the purpose of forming a new independent Parish, within its boundaries, except by express order of the Council.

CANON VIII.

Sec. 44. Congregations, Parishes, and the members thereof, shall never recognize any suspended Clergyman, otherwise than as declared by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 45. If any Parish, or the members thereof, shall take part with a contumacious Clergyman, they shall forfeit their rights in the Council.

Sec. 46. All Parochial property is held by a tenure subject to this rule.

Sec. 47. In case any Congregation should be so far forgetful of the honor of God's Church as to transgress in this matter, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or of the Trustees of the General Fund, to proceed at once to recover all the Church's property in such contumacious Parish, and to reduce it to the control of the Diocese.

Sec. 48. The organization of every Parish shall recognize this rule, and, if it be not expressed in the Articles of Association, their admission into union with the Council shall bind them to this law.

TITLE III.

OF CONVOCATIONS, DIOCESAN MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

CANON I.*

Sec. 49. The Bishop may divide the Diocese into Districts, naming the town in each District which shall be the center of a Missionary work; and every Clergyman in the Diocese of every Parish and Missionary Station shall be assigned to one or the other of the Missionary centers.

Sec. 50. The Clergy and Laity of each District, when

*As amended by action of the Twenty-first Annual Council.

organized, shall constitute a Convocation, and have charge of the Missionary work in the field assigned by the Bishop.

Sec. 51. The Bishop shall appoint one of the Clergy in each District as Dean of Convocation. The Convocation shall elect a Secretary, who shall be a Clergyman, and a Treasurer, who shall be a Layman.

Sec. 52. The Convocation shall be governed by such rules as they shall adopt, with the Bishop's approval, and each shall report through its Dean to the Bishop annually.

Sec. 53. Every Parish shall, by its Vestry, appoint one Delegate to the Convocation.

Sec. 54. In Missionary Stations the Missionary in charge, or Dean of Convocation, shall appoint the Lay Delegate.

CANON II.

Sec. 55. All organized Mission Stations shall be under the control of the Bishop and Missionary Committee.

Sec. 56. All Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop.

Sec. 57. Missionary Stations duly organized shall report to the Annual Council the same as the Parishes, and shall be entitled to send one Delegate, who shall have the right to debate, but not to vote.

CANON III.

Sec. 58. In any community where there are twelve baptized adults, one of whom shall be a male communicant, desirous of organizing a Missionary Station, they shall assemble themselves—their own Missionary being present, or, if they have no

Missionary, any Clergyman of the Diocese being present and consenting—and adopt the following form of organization, affixing their signatures thereto, and sending a copy of the same to the Bishop of the Diocese for his approval:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ———, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Congregation, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

"Article 1. This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of the ———— Mission.

"Article 2. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by the Constitutions, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article 3. When any person uniting with this Association shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding article, he shall cease to be a member of this Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privilege of voting in the election of officers, of being elected an officer, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.

"Article 4. In this Mission regular attendants at the services of the Church shall be entitled to vote for officers and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be: The Minister in charge as President ex-officio; a Warden, who must be a male communicant, and appointed by the Minister; a Secretary and a Treasurer, elected by ballot annually the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as possible, due notice having been given of time and place of election.

"Article 6. The duties of these officers shall be the same as those of like officers in organized Parishes.

"Article 7. All lands, tenements, or other property, real or personal, of this Association, shall vest in the Bishop of the Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his Canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of the Mission.

"Article 8. We promise to pay the sum of $——— per annum for the support of the Missionary whom the Bishop or Missionary Committee may send to us."

CANON IV.*

Sec. 59. The members of the church in the Diocese are by their baptism, the Missionary Society of the Diocese, and the Diocesan Council is the proper Board of Missions of the Diocese.

Sec. 60. The Diocesan Council shall sit as a Board of Mis-

*As amended by the action of the Twenty-first Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council, 1895.

sions at such times as the Council shall itself determine by its rules of order, or by special vote at any time.

Sec. 61. When the Council is not in session, the Missionary interests of the Diocese shall be cared for by a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, as President ex-officio, the General Missionary, if there be one, and three Clergymen and three Laymen, to be elected annually by the Council, sitting as the Board of Missions.

Sec. 62. The Board of Managers shall have power to regulate all matters of Missionary work not ordered by the Council of the Diocese; Provided, That all appointments and removals of Missionaries shall be made by the Bishop alone, or, in his absence, by the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and that no new Mission shall be opened, no old Mission abandoned, and no change made in the stipend of any particular Missionary, without the Bishop's consent.

Sec. 63. The Board of Managers shall be organized by the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, and its meetings shall be held not less than four times during the year.

Sec. 64. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall receive, hold and pay out funds subject to the order of the Board of Managers. His accounts shall be audited by the Council as a separate and distinct fund.

Sec. 65. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to make a report to the Board of Missions at the close of the year's work, reviewing the proceedings of the Board of Managers itself and the Missionary work of the Diocese.

Sec. 66. The Bishop may at his discretion appoint a General Missionary to assist him in the care of the scattered and pastorless people who are out of reach of our ordinary ministrations, and also the supplying of services in vacant Parishes and Missions. Provided, however, That the General Missionary, thus appointed, shall have no work assigned him, as General Missionary, in any Parish or Mission having a Priest in charge. Such General Missionary will be expected to report annually to the Board of Missions concerning his work in the Diocese, with special reference to the care of the neglected and the subject of openings for new work.

TITLE IV.

OF VESTRIES AND WARDENS AND THEIR DUTIES, ETC.

CANON I.*

Sec. 67. Annually, at a meeting on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be, the members of the Parish entitled to vote shall elect from the male communicants of the Parish not less than three or more than eleven Vestrymen, of whom the Rector or Minister shall appoint one as Senior Warden and the Vestry shall elect another Junior Warden. Provided, That the Congregation worshiping at the Cathedral Church may, on the Monday in Easter week, or as early thereafter as practicable, elect into a Chapter not less than three nor more than eleven male communicants to represent them, subject to the laws and regulations governing Parochial representation; and, provided

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further, that this qualification as to Vestrymen shall not affect the eligibility to future election of any person now serving as a Vestryman.

Sec. 68. Notice of the election shall be given on Easter Day, or at the service last preceding the election, after morning prayer, and the Congregation duly warned of the importance of the election.

Sec. 69. The Vestry-elect shall meet within ten days thereafter, and organize by the election of the Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary.. As soon as the offices are filled, the Secretary and Treasurer, if not re-elected, shall pass over to their successors the books, papers, accounts and moneys in their hands. The Vestry shall then proceed to elect delegates to represent the Parish in the next Council of the Diocese, and the Secretary of the Vestry, or the Rector, shall give the Delegates-elect certificates to that effect.

Sec. 70. It is, in general, the duty of the Wardens and Vestrymen to consider and determine upon the election of a Minister when the Parish is vacant; to see that the Minister is well and properly supported, sufficiently and punctually paid; and together with the Rector, to make and execute all contracts for the erection of Church edifices, Rectories, and other Church buildings; to provide for their furnishings and repair and due preservation; to have and to hold all Church property as Trustees of the Parish, and, as such, generally to transact all temporal and financial business of the Parish.

Sec. 71. It is the special duty of the Wardens to see that the Church edifice is kept from unhallowed use; that it be kept

clean and in good repair, duly lighted and warmed; to provide a sufficient supply of books and ecclesiastical vestments to be used in the public ministrations by the Minister, and to provide proper elements for the celebration of the Holy Communion and preserve due order during service.

Sec. 72. In the absence of the Rector, the Wardens preside at Parish and Vestry meetings.

Sec. 73. In the absence of the Wardens their duties devolve on the Vestrymen.

Sec. 74. It is the duty of the Secretary to attend all the meetings of the Vestry, and to keep a record of all its proceedings.

Sec. 75. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Secretary all moneys collected under authority of the Vestry, giving his receipt therefor, and to pay them out on the order of the Vestry in the manner they shall provide. Two weeks before Easter, every year, the Treasurer shall present to the Vestry a full statement of his accounts, and the Vestry shall audit the same, and, if found correct, order the annual balance to be made up in accordance therewith.

Sec. 76. The Minister may call meetings of the Vestry whenever he shall desire, and shall call a meeting when requested by any two members of the Vestry, of which he shall give due notice; but meetings may be held at regular periods by regulation of the Vestry. At every meeting, the minutes of the former meeting shall be read and approved, or corrected and approved.

Sec. 77. It shall be the special duty of the Vestry, at the time of public service, or other meeting in the Church, to see that the Congregation is properly seated, and in the performance of this duty they shall give special attention to strangers.

CANON II.*

FORM FOR ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

Sec. 78. Hereafter all Parishes shall be organized by the adoption of the following form of organization:

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desirous of enjoying the privileges of religious worship and instruction of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have, this —— day of ———, A. D. ——, at ————, in the State of Arkansas, formed ourselves into a Parish, and adopt the following Articles of Association:

"Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of 'The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of ———— Church.'

"Article 2. This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and will be governed by the Constitutions, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas.

"Article 3. When any person, uniting with this Association, shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities men-

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tioned in the preceding article, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privileges of voting in the election of Vestryman, of being elected a Vestryman, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association; but this exclusion shall not affect the spiritual standing of the excluded.

"Article 4. In this Parish all communicants of the Church, of lawful age, who are duly registered, shall be entitled to vote for Vestrymen, and on all matters brought before the Easter meeting.

"Article 5. The Vestrymen of ———— Church shall be elected annually, on the Monday in Easter week, or as soon thereafter as may be, by a majority of the voters assembled for that purpose, notice to that effect having been given publicly to the Congregation on the preceding Sunday. The Vestrymen so elected shall continue in office one year, or until their successors are chosen.

"Article 6. The Rector of ———— Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting, which shall be duly convened for that purpose, they having due regard in all such elections to the previously ascertained wishes of the Congregation, and especially of the communicants of the Church.

"Article 7. No person shall be chosen Rector or Minister, or Associate Rector or Assistant Minister of ———— Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry in the same, unless he be recognized by the Bishop having charge of this Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the same, as an ordained Minister of the Protes-

tant Episcopal Church in good standing. Provided, That nothing in this article shall prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing, to officiate occasionally in the Church, or interfere with the performance of the usual services by the Lay Readers, duly appointed to so officiate in the absence of the Rector or Minister.

"Article 8. The annual rents, contributions and other revenues raised by this Congregation, shall be applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister, and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purpose whatever.

"Article 9. This Association, or the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose name the property of ——— Church may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, under his hand given, grant, alienate, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages or hereditaments, in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge, nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

"Article 10. In case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his Canonical successors, to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of

a future Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same place or vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present Church and Association.

"Article 11. This Canon is applicable to and binding on all Parishes now existing in the Diocese, and cannot be altered or amended except by the action of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas."

Sec. 79. Hereafter no organized Mission shall be admitted as a Parish into union with this Council, until it shall have a Church building and can show positive evidence of its ability to contribute at least four hundred dollars per annum to the support of a Rector; and whenever a Parish shall no longer be able to contribute said amount for said purpose, or no longer have enough male communicants to constitute a Vestry, the Bishop shall be authorized to remand such Parish to the condition of a Mission.

CANON III.

Sec. 80. Clergymen and Laymen shall exercise due care in signing the papers of candidates for the Ministry, and shall not sign except on personal knowledge or reasonable evidence. And if any fraud or concealment may have been used to obtain certificates, the signers, on evidence of the facts, may revoke their recommendation. And if they shall rashly or unadvisedly without due care and caution, or through favor, or with corrupt purpose, sign the recommendation of candidates, whereby unworthy or unfit persons may be admitted to the Ministry, whether they be Clergymen or Laymen, they shall be subject to ecclesiastical censure.

TITLE V.*

TRIAL OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 81. Every Clergyman of this Diocese shall be liable to presentment and trial for the following offenses, to-wit:

1. Crime and immorality.

2. Holding and teaching, publicly or privately, and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that expressly and generally set forth in the standards of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

3. Violation of the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention, or of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Arkansas.

4. Any act that involves a breach of his ordination vows.

Sec. 82. If a Minister of this Church shall be found guilty of any of the offenses enumerated in the foregoing section, he shall be admonished, suspended or degraded.

Sec. 83. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial a charge or charges, with specifications, shall be made to the Judiciary Committee, signed by at least two male communicants of the Church, affirming that the same is true, and that the accusers will make the charge or charges good. Should the Bishop have reason to believe that a Clergyman is guilty of any or all of the above named offenses, he shall notify the Standing Committee of the fact, and the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall at once proceed to an investigation of the case, and should they

*As amended by the Nineteenth Annual Council, and also by the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

be convinced of the guilt of the Clergyman, they shall make the charges to the Judiciary Committee, affirming as above. Thereupon it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the committee to furnish the accused a copy of the charge, and require an answer to be filed thereto within thirty days from the date of the receipt of said copy. On the coming in of the answer, a copy of the same shall be furnished the parties making the charge, accompanied by a notice that all proof on the issue, of both parties, must be taken and filed with the Secretary within thirty days from the date of the notice, unless for good cause shown the time be extended by written order of the Bishop. All proof must be by deposition, taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths, and must be upon reasonable notice. Both parties have the right to be present at the taking of the depositions and to be represented by counsel.

When the taking of testimony is closed the committee shall consider the charges, and if two members of the same shall deem the charges clearly within the scope of the Canons, and sustained by the proof, it shall be so declared in writing, and they shall file all the papers in the case with the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

In case the accused is a member of the Standing Committee, the two remaining Clerical members shall choose a Priest of the Diocese to supply his place, and for the purposes of this trial the Priest so chosen shall be considered a member of the Standing Committee.

Sec. 84. On the receipt of the presentation and papers it shall be the duty of the Clerical members of the Standing Com-

mittee to consider the charge, and if in the opinion of at least two of said Clerical members, the charge be clearly within the scope of the Canons and sustained by the proof adduced, they shall cite the accused to appear before them, either in person or by representative, together with the Chancellor of the Diocese, and in their presence they shall select by lot seven Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet on a certain day after thirty days, at a certain place, within which the accused may reside. Immediately upon their selection, the accused shall strike off one name from the list of seven drawn; the Judge Advocate shall then strike off a second name; the accused shall strike off a third name; and lastly, the Judge Advocate shall strike off a fourth, and the three remaining shall constitute the Court. Should the accused refuse to exercise his right of striking off the names as proposed, then the members of the Standing Committee present shall draw by lot from the seven names first chosen, three to constitute the Court. In case the accused or his representative should not appear, then the drawings should proceed without him. The Court shall be judges both of law and fact.

Sec. 85. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Priest to this Diocese. The Standing Committee shall give the accused thirty days' notice of the time and place of trial, and shall also deliver to him at the same time, a copy of the charges preferred against him; and he shall not be required to answer to anything not contained in the presentment.

Sec. 86. At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the Court shall assemble at the place designated, and choose a

President and Clerk from their own number; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted, if rules of ecclesiastical trial have not already been set forth by authority. Provided, however, That all the evidence heard at the trial shall be reduced to writing at the time it is given, and signed by the witness before he leaves the room.

Sec. 87. The accused shall be allowed counsel, whom he may choose from among the Priests of the Church, and he may also advise with a Lay communicant learned in the law. If the accused decline to choose counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for him from the Priests of the Diocese.

Sec. 88. If the accused shall not appear for trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the Court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended by the Bishop from the exercise of all Clerical functions for the space of three months. And if in three months he shall not apply for trial, at any time afterwards, with the consent and advice of the Standing Committee, the Bishop may proceed to pronounce upon the recusant the sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

Sec. 89. But if, in the three months above named, the accused shall appear for trial, the Court may proceed on the presentment originally made, and shall adjudge him guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence. The court shall render their verdict before separation; and if it shall be guilty, they shall designate the penalty or degree of censure, which, in their judgment ought to be pronounced against him; which the Bishop may not exceed, though he may modify it.

Immediately upon rendering the verdict, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court to notify the Bishop of the action of the Court, delivering to him all the pleadings and evidence in the case; and he shall, at the end of ten days, pronounce sentence, unless the condemned has appealed to him from the verdict of the Court. In case of appeal, the Bishop shall give notice to both the Judge Advocate and the accused, that on a day fixed he will hear the case on appeal. At such hearing the accused shall have the right to be represented by a Lay communicant learned in the law, and the Bishop may call two of the neighboring Diocesans, who shall sit with him at the hearing, to assist him in arriving at a correct determination.

Sec. 90. The Clerk of such Ecclesiastical Court shall keep a record of all the proceedings, which shall contain a copy of the presentment, the specifications under particular charges, the notice to the accused, his answer, his plea or pleas, a clear statement of the evidence for and against, both oral and written, and the judgment of the Court. An attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop.

Sec. 91. On hearing the case on appeal, the Bishop, or the Bishop and his Assessors, shall confirm the decision of the Court, and at once pronounce sentence; or, order a new trial, stating in order the reason and grounds of such decision, in which case a new Court shall be formed, after the same manner as before; or, reverse the decision of the Court, according to the finding in the case, and shall declare him innocent accordingly. When the sentence of the Court is less than deposition, the Bishop may, for reasons satisfactory to him, reprieve or wholly pardon the condemned.

Sec. 92. Every summons, notice or citation, mentioned in the proceedings, shall be deemed to be duly served by the delivery of a written notice to the person to be summoned, notified or cited, or by leaving it or a certified copy at his residence, or last known residence, by a person duly appointed in writing, by the Standing Committee or Court, as the case may require. Depositions must be taken according to the rules of law.

Sec. 93. The Court may adjourn from day to day, or to a day certain, for the purpose of allowing parties to obtain evidence that they may affirm to be necessary to the maintenance of their cause; but to obtain a postponement of trial for more than three days, the party making the motion shall solemnly affirm that such postponement is sought, not for delay, but that justice may be done, and that he expects thereby to obtain evidence which is material to his cause, and which he cannot now produce.

Sec. 94. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between a Clergyman and his Parish.

Sec. 95. If any Clergyman shall be contumacious when suspended, and attempt to perform any of the functions of the Sacred Ministry, the Bishop shall at once cite him before the Standing Committee; and if the alleged facts be admitted or proven by sufficient evidence, on having been duly cited, such suspended Clergyman shall not appear, or give reasons for not appearing, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may proceed at once to pronounce upon said recusant the grave sentence of deposition from the Ministry.

Sec. 96. No Clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto in the manner provided in this Canon.

Sec. 97. If an accused Clergyman shall, to avoid notice or citation, remove himself out of the Diocese, he may be duly served with all notices by publication in some newspaper published at the capital of the State, or the Church newspaper which the Bishop shall have adopted as the official organ of the Diocese.

Sec. 98. If there shall be a necessity for the trial of a Clergyman, at any time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all acts assigned by this Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese.

Sec. 99. Any resort to a civil court, on the part of the accused, for the purpose of impeding, delaying, or avoiding trial, shall be treated as contumacy, and shall be sufficient cause to suspend such Clergyman from the exercise of the Ministry for contumacy, until he shall appear and demand trial.

Sec. 100. No Clergyman under trial or suspension, or against whom charges have been presented by the Standing Committee, can be transferred to any other Diocese, or be received therefrom; and if charges are made against a Clergyman who has already obtained Letters Dimissory, said charges shall be sent to the Diocese to which the letters were taken within six months after the date of said letters, and not later; and if such letters have not been presented and received at the time,

the party shall be remanded to his Diocese for trial, and his Letters Dimissory thereby revoked.

Sec. 101. All rights, claims and privileges, which any Clergyman may enjoy, or have a right to enjoy or receive, in the Diocese, by virtue of her general law, or by particular Canon, are, by the sentence of suspension or deposition, ipso facto forfeited and rendered void; and every Clergyman shall hold his ecclesiastical rights subject to this tenure.

TITLE VI*

OF THE AMENDMENT OF CANONS.

Sec. 102. No Canon or part of Canon can be amended except in the following manner: Any proposed amendment shall, after being introduced at any Council, lie over until a succeeding Council for final action, and must then receive a two-thirds vote. Provided, That any regular Council shall have power to amend any Canon by unanimous consent.

*Added by action of the Twenty-third Annual Council of 1895.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Secretary make out and cause to be printed in the Journal of this Council, immediately after the list of Clergy, a list of the Parishes and Missions in this Diocese.—1878, page 22.

2. That there be reported in the Parochial Reports, in addition to the report of the gross number of communicants, the number actually communicating in the twelve months preceding Epiphany; said number of actual communicants to be only for information of the Council, and not to be entered on the Journal.—1879, page 16.

3. That the name of the mover of any resolution be always annexed to the same.—1881, page 12.

4. That the two schools (University of the South and Columbia Female College) be recommended to the Diocese as worthy of patronage in the education of the sons and daughters of the Church.—1882, page 14.

5. That each Parish may, at its option, pay its assessment in quarterly installments.—1887, page 28.

6. That the Diocesan Council strongly recommend that

On Advent Sunday, for the University of the South.

On first Sunday in Lent and on Trinity Sunday, for Diocesan Missions.

On Septuagesima Sunday or on Easter Day, for the Episcopate Fund.

On Thanksgiving Day, for Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese.—1888, page 13.

an offering be taken annually in every Parish and Mission of the Diocese for the purposes and at the dates named.

7. That the Secretary be instructed to send one month before the meeting of the Council to each Parish in union with the Diocese, and to all Mission Stations, a form of Parochial Report, with request that they report to the Bishop five (5) days before the meeting of the Council.—1888, page 17.

8. That the necessary expenses of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, in attending the regular meetings, be paid by the Treasurer of the Diocese, on the certificate of the Secretary of the Committee.—1889, page 17.

9. That the Treasurer of each of the funds be, and is hereby requested to send to the Wardens of the Parishes a fortnight's notice of each special offering recommended by the Council.—1891, page 19.

10. That the members of the Council, in addressing the presiding officer, shall address him as "Mr. President," and that this title be given him in the Journal of the Proceedings.—1891, page 28.

11. That the various Parishes and Missions be requested to make a contribution annually, to be paid to the Bishop, for this purpose (extinguishing the debt on St. Paul's Church property at Dardanelle) now reduced to $160 until the debt is extinguished.—1895, page 28.

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Notice.

The new form of Parochial Reports will be mailed to Rectors and Wardens under provisions of the Canon.

It is specially requested that they be carefully compiled and sent in promptly, so that they may be tabulated for the Committee on State of the Church on the first day of the Council.

JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The Society asks for stated offerings as follows, and on the dates given when possible:

DOMESTIC MISSIONS, the first Sunday in Advent.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, the second Sunday after the Epiphany.

MISSIONS TO COLORED PEOPLE, the third Sunday after the Epiphany.

MISSIONS TO INDIANS, the fourth Sunday after Easter.

The Treasurer is MR. GEORGE C. THOMAS, to whom all remittances should be sent, at his office,

Church Missions House, New York City.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas will be held (D.V.) in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, on the first Wednesday in May, 1898.

JOHN M. DAGGETT, Secretary.

THE SECRETARY

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Special Offerings

Recommended by the Council and the Dates on which they shall be made.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS, on the first Sunday in Lent, and on Trinity Sunday.

EPISCOPATE FUND, on Septuagesima Sunday, or on Easter Day.

AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY and WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE, on National Thanksgiving Day.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, on the first Sunday in Advent.

DARDANELLE CHURCH PROPERTY, an annual collection until debt is extinguished.

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(In the order of their election.)

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The Rev. I. P. Daniels, Rector of St. Philip's.....Little Rock.
The Rev. Geo. W. Flowers, Rector of Trinity Church.....Van Buren.
The Rev. John Gass, Rector of Christ Church.....Little Rock.
The Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, Dean of Trinity Cathedral....Little Rock.
The Rev. R. S. James, D. D., Rector of St. James's Ch. Eureka Springs.
*St. Paul's, Batesville, and St. Paul's, Newport.....P. O. Batesville.
The Rev. C. H. Lockwood, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church..Helena.
*St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, and Church of the Good Shepherd
.....Forrest City.
The Rev. A. W. Pierce, Rector of Grace, Washington; St. James's, Prescott; Church of the Redeemer, Nashville.....P. O. Hope.
The Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rector of St. John's Church.....Camden.
The Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, Rector of Trinity Church.....Pine Bluff.
The Rev. D. L. Trimble, B. D.....Pine Bluff.
The Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church..Fayetteville.
The Rev. E. J. Williams, Missionary at Brinkley, Jonesboro, and Imboden.....P. O. Mammoth Spring.

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The following Parishes have Rectories:

St. Paul's.....Batesville.
St. Paul's.....Dardanelle.
St. John's.....Fort Smith.
Trinity Cathedral.....Little Rock.
Christ Church.....Little Rock.
St. Philip's.....Little Rock.
St. Andrew's.....Mammoth Spring.
Trinity.....Van Buren.
St. John's.....Camden.
St. Paul's.....Fayetteville.
St. John's.....Helena.
St. Paul's.....Newport.
Trinity.....Pine Bluff.
Grace.....Washington.
St. Agnes's Church.....Morrilton.
St. Andrew's.....Marianna.

*Vacant.

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OF THE

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS,

HELD IN

TRINITY CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK,

December 1, 1897.

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DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

SPECIAL COUNCIL.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Arkansas:

I hereby call a Special Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, to be held in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., on Wednesday, December 1, 1897.

Two subjects to be considered and acted upon at this Special Council, are:

First. To fix the salary to be pledged to a Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas.

Second. The election of the Coadjutor-Bishop contemplated by this action.

I urgently request the attendance of every Clergyman canonically resident in the Diocese, and of at least one Lay Delegate from each Parish in the Diocese of Arkansas. Delegates from Missions organized, and Clergymen whose residence in Arkansas is of less than six months' duration, have a voice in the election, but no vote.

The Council will be opened with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 o'clock on December 1, 1897.

HENRY NILES PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

Attest: JOHN M. DAGGETT, *Secretary.*

Little Rock, Ark., October 4, 1897.

By order of the Bishop.

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the above notice to each Clergyman in the Diocese and to the Wardens of each Parish and Mission in the Diocese more than four weeks prior to the 1st day of December, 1897, as provided in Section 6, Canon 1; Title I., of the Canons of this Diocese.

Attest: JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL DECEMBER 1, 1897.

A Special Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, called by the Bishop to fix and provide for the stipend of and to elect a Bishop-Coadjutor, convened at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on Wednesday, December 1, 1897.

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. James J. Vaulx, B. D., the Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, the Gospel and Epistle ordered being that appointed for St. Matthias' Day.

After the Holy Communion the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

The roll of the Clergy as prepared by the Bishop was called, and every Clergyman canonically and actually resident in the Diocese, was found present, as follows:

Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D., Bishop; Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. Wm. Cross, Rev. I. P. Daniels, Rev. Geo. W. Flowers, Rev. John Gass, Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Rev. J. W. Keeble, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, B. D., Rev. James Noble, Rev. A. W. Pierce, Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, Rev. D. L. Trimble, Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, and Rev. R. S. James, D. D.

The Bishop appointed Revs. James Noble and D. I. Hobbs, Committee on Credentials, who reported that the following Parishes were represented by Lay Delegates with certificates in due form:

St. Mark's, Hope; St. Philip's, Christ Church, and Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock; St. John's, Fort Smith; St. John's, Camden; Trinity, Pine Bluff; St. Andrew's, Marianna; St. James's Eureka Springs; St. Luke's, Hot Springs; St. Paul's, Batesville; St. Paul's, Newport; St. John's, Helena; Trinity, Van Buren; Good Shepherd, Forrest City.

Roll of Lay Delegates was then called as follows (those present being marked with an asterisk):

ROLL OF PARISHES AND LAY DELEGATES.

Special Council, December 1, 1897.

Batesville—St. Paul's.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
Hamilton S. Coleman.	Wm. Ramsey,
*John C. Fitzhugh.	Dr. Wm. Lawrence.

Camden—St. James's.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
*Jos. A. Reeves,	Caleb H. Stone.
*J. N. Young,	Orlin C. Reeves,
*Hamilton G. Smith,	Reece Lockett.

Eureka Springs—St. James's.

Lay Delegates.
*Charles D. James.

Fayetteville—St. Paul's.

Lay Delegates.
R. V. McCracken.

Forrest City—Good Shepherd.

Lay Delegates.	
Edward Landvoight,	Ellis Turley,
Edward L. Vadakin,	Louis Turley,
*Needham E. Ingram.	Harry A. Knight.

Fort Smith—St. John's.

Lay Delegates.
*J. H. Hamilton,
*E. F. Furner.

Helena—St. John's.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
J. C. Tappan,	*S. S. Faulkner,
*P. O. Thweatt,	C. H. Purvis,
H. M. Grant.	G. T. Updegraft.

Hope—St. Mark's.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
*J. T. West,	Samuel Knighton,
John D. Barlow,	W. H. Barlow.
Geo. R. Ruffin.	

Hot Springs—St. Luke's.

Lay Delegates.
*Geo. G. Latta,
*R. B. Bancroft.

Little Rock—Trinity Cathedral.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
*P. K. Roots,	J. W. Beidelman,
*W. G. Whipple,	A. Pettifer,
*C. D. Heaning.	J. R. Hughes.

Little Rock—Christ Church.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
*W. Fulton Wright,	H. K. Cochran,
*Dan W. Jones,	John W. Goodwin,
*C. T. Coffman,	Fay Hempstead.

Little Rock—St. Philip's.

Lay Delegates.
*Adolphus W. Cole,
*Geo. Glass,
*Samuel Spight.

Marianna—St. Andrew's.

Lay Delegates.
*John M. Daggett,
*Jas. P. Dunham,
*D. S. Clark.

Morrilton—St. Agnes's.

No report.

Newport—St. Paul's.

Lay Delegates.
*L. Minor,
*Gustave Jones,
B. B. Bond.

Pine Bluff—Trinity.

Lay Delegates.
*Day Mills,
*N. B. Trulock,
*G. B. Valliant.

Van Buren—Trinity.

Lay Delegates.	Alternates.
*Henry C. Faber,	*George Miller,
Henry A. Meyer.	Charles Ribling.

The Bishop announced that the former Parishes at Mammoth Spring, Nashville, and Washington having at present no canonical organization, should not be counted in settling the question of whether or not there was the required quorum present, and names of those Parishes had been stricken from the Secretary's roll, and were not called.

The Secretary reported that a majority of the seventeen Parishes in the Diocese were present by their duly accredited Delegates.

There being a constitutional quorum present for the purpose

for which the Council was called, the Bishop declared the Council duly organized.

On motion of Rev. James J. Vaulx, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, during this called session, depart from the original and ruled construction of the Canon on the election of a Bishop, and that all nominations, as well as the consideration of the same, be in open session.

On motion of Chancellor Whipple, the subject of stipend of the Bishop-Coadjutor, the first subject in the Bishop's call, was referred to a committee of three.

The Bishop appointed W. G. Whipple, Geo. G. Latta, and J. A Reeves.

On motion of Rev. W. T. Allen it was voted to add two Clergymen to the committee, and the Bishop appointed Rev. W. T. Allen and Rev. C. H. Lockwood. The committee were instructed to report immediately after recess.

The Council took a recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Council was called to order by the Bishop, and on motion a further recess was taken till 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30 P. M.

Council was called to order by the Bishop.

Committee on the Bishop's stipend submitted their report.

Mr. Geo. G. Latta moved the following amendment which was carried:

Strike out all the last line after the word "promptly" in article third of the committee's report, and add the following: "Turn the same over to the Parish Treasurer, who shall remit the same at once to the Diocesan Treasurer, to be credited to the fund for which the same has been collected."

The report of the committee thus amended was then adopted as follows:

ARTICLES PROVIDING FOR THE SALARY OF THE BISHOP-COADJUTOR OF THE DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS.

ARTICLE I.

The annual salary of the Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese of Arkansas shall be $1,500.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be, and is hereby assessed and levied upon each and every communicant of the Diocese, the sum of $1, to be paid annually, on the 1st day of December in each year; said sum to be devoted exclusively towards the payment of the salary of the Bishop-Coadjutor; the payment of which assessment by each communicant of the Diocese is hereby solemnly enjoined as a duty of high moral obligation.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden, and in his absence, of the Senior Warden, and in the absence of both officers, of the oldest Vestryman in service of each Parish, and of the Warden, and in his absence, of the Treasurer, and in the absence of both, of the Secretary, of each Mission, promptly to collect said assessment, and promptly to turn the same over to the Parish Treasurer, who shall remit the same at once to the Diocesan Treasurer, to be credited to the fund for which the same has been collected.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Warden, or other Parish or Mission officer having this collection in charge, to see that due and proper notice is given annually from the chancel and otherwise, to the end that all communicants may be duly notified and prompt collection made.

ARTICLE V.

The Trustee of the Episcopate Fund is hereby authorized and instructed so to manage and conduct said fund that the Building Association stock held by him as such Trustee, shall be allowed to run on and mature, and that said fund may be converted into cash, and realized upon in the most expeditious way consistent with its proper and prudent husbandry and management; and, with the advice and assistance of the Treasurer of the Diocese, to reinvest said fund in the best manner available for the production therefrom of an annual income; which, when collected, shall be promptly paid by said Trustee to said Diocesan Treasurer. It being the intention of these articles in nowise to interfere with said fund, except as shall be directed by the Annual Council.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be paid to said Bishop-Coadjutor such sums as may be received and realized as the income of said Episcopate Fund, and from

said *per capita* assessments; provided, that the salary of said Bishop-Coadjutor shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of $3,000, until authorized by the Council of the Diocese, and any balance that shall accrue in excess of said sum shall be held and retained by said Diocesan Treasurer for Diocesan purposes subject to the direction of the Council of the Diocese.

ARTICLE VII.

The first annual *per capita* assessment herein provided for shall be due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1898; and the second annual assessment shall be due and payable on the 1st day of December, 1898, and so on from year to year.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese upon the receipt by him from time to time of said *per capita* assessment, and of said income from the Episcopate Fund, to pay the same over without delay to the order of the said Bishop-Coadjutor.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer of the Diocese is hereby constituted the Curator of said annual *per capita* assessments, and is hereby charged with the special duty of prompting the Parish and Mission officers in the discharge of their respective duties in reference to the annual collection of said assessments.

ARTICLE X.

The Treasurer of the Diocese is hereby instructed immediately to have printed 500 copies of these articles; and to forward one dozen copies thereof to each of the Rectors and Wardens of Missions, to defray the expense of which a sufficient sum is hereby appropriated.

ARTICLE XI.

The Rectors of the different Parishes and persons in charge of Missions are hereby requested to read these articles from their respective chancels.

The Clergy then voted to proceed to a nomination of Bishop-Coadjutor. Upon call of the roll of Clergy and Parishes a canonical quorum was found present.

Rev. R. S. James presented the name of Rev. William Montgomery Brown, Archdeacon of Ohio, and Rev. W. T. Allen presented the name of Rev. John Gass, Rector of Christ Church, Little Rock.

The ballot resulted as follows: Whole number of votes, 16; necessary to a choice, 9. Rev. Wm. M. Brown received 9, Rev. John Gass 6, and Rev. F. F. Reese 1.

The Bishop declared the Rev. Wm. M. Brown duly nominated.

Voted by the Laity to proceed to ballot on confirmation of the nomination.

On motion to concur the roll of Parishes was called and the ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes 15; necessary to a choice, 8; to concur, 8; to nonconcur, 7; so the nomination of the Venerable William Montgomery Brown was confirmed by the Laity and he was declared duly and canonically elected Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese of Arkansas.

On motion the following committee was appointed to notify the Rev. Mr. Brown of his election: Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. D. B. Ramsey, and Mr. Geo. G. Latta.

The testimonials required by the General Canons were then signed as follows:

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS IN CONVENTION.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

Testimony from the Members of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, recommending the Rev. William Montgomery Brown for consecration:

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that William Montgomery Brown is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we do, in our conscience, believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God, and the edifying of His Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

CLERGY.

D. B. RAMSEY, St. John's, Camden.
JAS. J. VAULX, St. Paul's, Fayetteville.
W. T. ALLEN, St. John's, Fort Smith.

DOUGLAS IRVINE HOBBS, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
RICHARD S. JAMES, Eureka Springs.
WM. CROSS, St. Luke's, Hot Springs.
G. GORDON SMEADE, Trinity, Pine Bluff.
G. W. FLOWERS, Trinity, Van Buren.
E. J. P. B. WILLIAMS, Jonesboro.
I. P. DANIELS, St. Philip's.
JOHN GASS, Christ Church, Little Rock.
D. L. TRIMBLE.
JAMES WALTER KEEBLE, St. Paul's, Batesville, and St. Paul's, Newport.
C. H. LOCKWOOD, St. John's, Helena.
JAMES NOBLE, St. Andrew's Marianna; Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City.
A. W. PRICE, Washington.

LAY DELEGATES.

JAS. H HAMILTON, St. John's, Fort Smith.
E. F. TURNER, St. John's, Fort Smith.
LANCELOT MINOR, St. Paul's, Newport.
GUSTAVE JONES, St. Paul's, Newport.
C. T. COFFMAN, Christ Church, Little Rock.
DAN. W. JONES, Christ Church, Little Rock.
W. FULTON WRIGHT, Christ Church, Little Rock.
P. O. THWEATT, Helena.
S. S. FAULKNER, Helena.
J. A. REEVES, St. John's, Camden.
J. N. YOUNG, St. John's, Camden.
H. G. SMITH, St. John's, Camden.
DAY MILLS, Trinity, Pine Bluff.
N. B. TRULOCK, Trinity, Pine Bluff.
CHAS. D. JAMES, St. James's, Eureka Springs.
GEO. MILLER, Trinity, Van Buren.
H. C. FABER, Trinity, Van Buren.
G. G. LATTA, St. Luke's, Hot Springs.
RICHARD B. BANCROFT, St. Luke's, Hot Springs.
J. C. FITZHUGH, Batesville.
J. P. DUNHAM, St. Andrew's, Marianna.
D. S. CLARK, St. Andrew's, Marianna.
JOHN M. DAGGETT, St. Andrew's, Marianna.
SAM SPIGHT, St. Philip's, Little Rock.
P. K. ROOTS, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
C. D. HEMING, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
WM. G. WHIPPLE, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

Signed at a special session of the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Arkansas, held at Trinity Cathedral, in

the city of Little Rock, on Wednesday, December 1, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Attest: H. N. PIERCE, Bishop of Arkansas,
President of the Council.

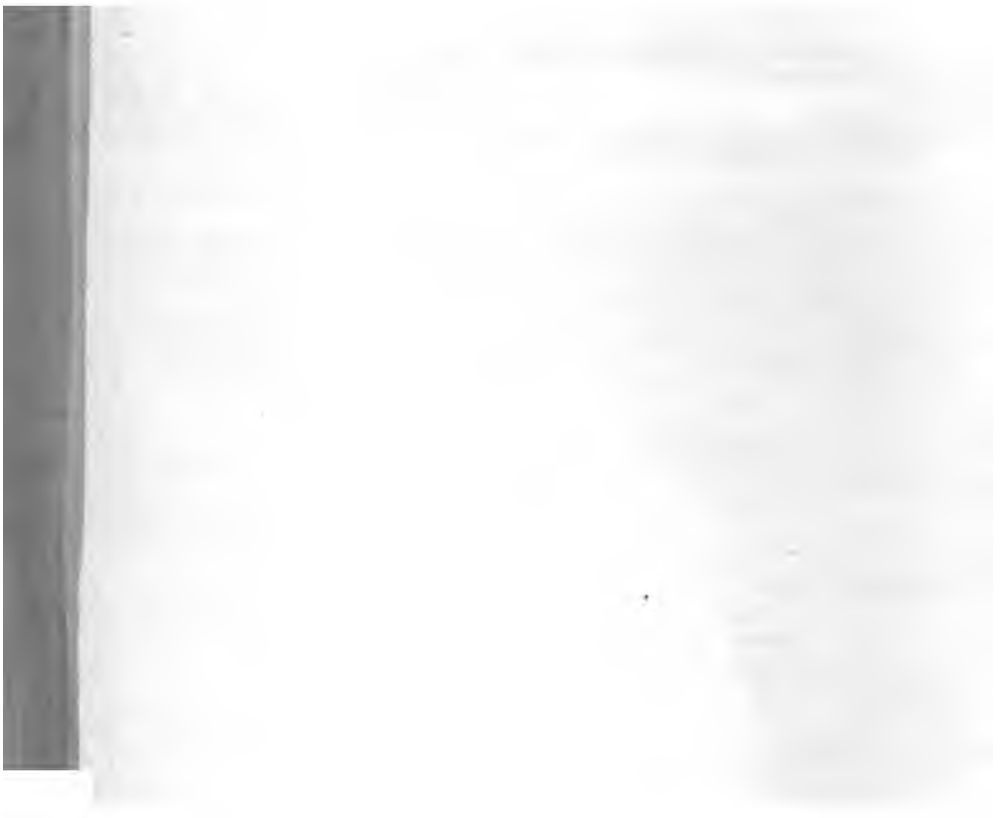
JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary of the Council.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., December 1, A. D. 1897.

After prayer and thanks of the Bishop to the Council for relieving him of the burdens that were bearing upon him, the Council adjourned *sine die.*

HENRY NILES PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.



JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ARKANSAS,

HELD IN

TRINITY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF,

May 4 and 5, A. D. 1898.

To Which are Added Parochial and Diocesan Reports,

Appendices, Etcetera,

TOGETHER WITH

THE CONSTITUTION

AND

Standing Resolutions.

Journal of Proceedings

First Day.

MORNING SESSION.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, assembled at Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, Wednesday, May 4, 1898.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 o'clock a. m.; the Bishop was Celebrant; Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, Rector of Trinity, Epistler, and Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D., Gospeler.

In place of the sermon the Bishop read his annual address.

(See Appendix I.)

After service the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

Roll of Clergy as prepared by the Bishop was called by the Secretary, as follows:

Rev. W. T. Allen.	Rev. C. H. Lockwood, B. D.
Rev. Wm. Cross.	Rev. A. W. Pierce.
Rev. I. P. Daniels.	Rev. D. B. Ramsey.
Rev. G. W. Flowers.	Rev. G. Gordon Smeade.
Rev. John Gass.	Rev. D. L. Trimble, B. D.
Rev. D. I. Hobbs.	Rev. J. J. Vaulx, B. D.
Rev. R. S. James, D. D.	Rev. E. J. Williams.

All were found present except Rev. John Gass and Rev. E. J. Williams.

The Bishop appointed Rev. R. S. James and Dean D. I. Hobbs, Committee on Credentials, who reported that the following Parishes had presented credentials of Lay Delegates, and had paid their Diocesan assessments:

Redeemer, Nashville; Grace, Washington; St. John's, Camden; Trinity, Pine Bluff; Christ Church, Little Rock; St. John's, Helena; St. Paul's, Fayetteville; St. Andrew's, Marianna; St. James's, Eureka Springs; Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock; St. Philip's, Little Rock; St. Paul's, Newport; St. Mark's, Hope; St. Luke's, Hot Springs; St. Luke's Mission, Brinkley, and St. Mark's Mission, Jonesboro.

The committee further reported that Good Shepherd, Forrest City, and St. Paul's, Batesville, had presented credentials, but had not paid assessments, and that St. Agnes's, Morrilton, had not sent credentials or assessments, and that St. John's, Fort Smith, had sent credentials and paid $25 on their assessment, and on account of contract to pay for the completion of their new Church by September 1, 1898, asked to be relieved of the remainder of their assessment.

Secretary then called roll of Lay Delegates, as follows:

(Those whose names are in italics not present at any session of the Council.)

Batesville—St. Paul's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Hamilton S. Coleman	*Jno. W. Ferrill*
Harry L. Minikin	*John C. Fitzhugh*

Brinkley—St. Luke's Mission.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Samuel W. Thompson	*T. H. Jackson*

Camden—St. John's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Jos. A. Reeves	*Caleb H. Stone*
Hamilton G. Smith	*P. Lynch Lee*
James R. Young	*Reece Locket*

Eureka Springs—St. James's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Chas. D. James	*W. G. Wear*
Jas. F. Sechler	*Henry G. Higgins*
Samuel J. Appleton	*Jas. M. Church*

Fayetteville—St. Paul's.

Delegates.
W. B. Welch, M. D.
R. V. McCracken
James Blaine

Forrest City—Good Shepherd.

Delegates.
John Gatling

Fort Smith—St. John's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Edward F. Furner	*James H. Hamilton*
R. C. Hotson	*Andrew S. Dowd*
Wm. T. Cate	*S. A. Hammons*

Helena—St. John's.

Delegates.

P. O. Thweatt
S. S. Faulkner.
C. H. Purvis

Hope—St. Mark's.

Delegates.

Geo. R. Ruffin

Hot Springs—St. Luke's.

Delegates.	Alternates.
Geo. G. Latta	Morris C. Tomble
Harry R. Vaughan	Richard B. Bancroft
Fred W. Gregory	

Jonesboro—St. Mark's

Delegates.

Fred Rawlins

Little Rock—Trinity Cathedral.

Delegates.	Alternates.
P. K. Roots	*C. H. Kennedy*
Geo. W. Caruth	*T. W. Yeakle*
A. F. Adams	*J. W. Beidelman*
Christ Church.	
C. T. Coffman	*Fay Hempstead*
Wm. G. Whipple	*Dr. W. A. Cantrell*
John. W. Goodwin	*D. Cantrell*
St. Philip's.	
Adolphus W. Cole	
John A. Buchanan	
Abraham H. Dixon	

Mammoth Spring—St. Andrew's.

No organization.

Marianna—St. Andrew's.

F. N. Burke	*J. P. Dunham*
D. S. Clark	*J. F. Rankin*
J. M. Daggett	*W. G. Barnes*

Morrilton—St. Agnes. No report.

Nashville—Church of the Redeemer.

Wm. Champ Rodgers	*F. W. Lee*

Newport—St. Paul's.

L. Minor	*John T. Flynn*
Gustave Jones	*B. M. Crow*
Henry N. Ridley	

Pine Bluff—Trinity.

N. B. Trulock	*F. L. Dilley*
Day Mills	R. E. Lee
Geo. E. Valliant	*H. Riley*

Van Buren—Trinity.

Geo. Miller	*Charles Ribling*
Henry Faber	*Henry A. Meyer*

Washington—Grace.

C. E. Ratcliff.

The Secretary announced that delegates from fourteen of the nineteen Parishes on the rolls were present, and a constitutional number of Parishes represented.

On motion of Rev. J. J. Vaulx, John M. Daggett was unanimously elected Secretary.

The Bishop announced the Twenty-sixth Annual Council duly organized.

On motion of Mr. Chas. D. James, $25 balance of assessment unpaid by St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, was remitted by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Rev. W. T. Allen that part of the Bishop's address relating to the election of Bishop-Coadjutor was referred to a special committee.

The Bishop appointed as that committee Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. G. W. Flowers, and Mr. P. K. Roots.

The Bishop appointed the following standing committees of the Council:

Ways and Means—Rev. R. S. James, Mr. John Gatling, Mr. J. A. Reeves.

New Parishes—Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Mr. Geo. Miller, Mr. John M. Daggett.

State of the Church—Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. G. W. Flowers, Mr. P. K. Roots.

Auditing and Finance—Mr. J. R. Young and Mr. R. B. Bancroft.

Unfinished Business—Mr. John M. Daggett.

Constitutions and Canons—Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. A. W. Pierce, Mr. Geo. C. Latta, Mr. Chas. D. James.

On motion the Council took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, May 4, 3 p. m.

Council was called to order by the Bishop.

Mr. P. O. Thweatt, from St. John's, Helena, appeared and took his seat as Lay Delegate.

Mr. John Gatling, from Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, presented the Treasurer's receipt for his Parochial assessment, and took his seat as Lay Delegate.

Mr. P. K. Roots, Diocesan Treasurer, submitted his reports, which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix II.)

The Bishop's address and the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

Secretary reported that he had given constitutional notice to the several Parishes of amendment to the constitution passed at the Annual Council of 1896, and ordered to lie over. The proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Standing Committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL, MAY 10, 1897:

The Standing Committee elected by the Twenty-fifth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas met in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, and organized by electing the Rev. Chas. H. Lockwood, president, and the Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, secretary.

July 21—At a meeting of the Standing Committee in Little Rock, consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Robert Atkinson Gibson to be the Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia. Consent was also given to the consecration of the Rev. Chauncy Bunce Brewster, D. D., to be the Bishop-Coadjutor of Connecticut.

November 30—At a meeting of the Standing Committee in Little Rock the bond of S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Episcopate Fund, was received and approved. Consent was given to the translation of the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., LL. D., Missionary Bishop of Wyoming and Idaho, to be the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

December 2—The Standing Committee met in Trinity Deanery, Little Rock, and provided for the expense of printing and sending to the Standing Committees of the Church in the United States, certified copies of the Canonical Testimonial, and certificates of election of the

Venerable William Montgomery Brown, to be the Bishop-Coadjutor of Arkansas, and to ask consent to his consecration.

December 10—The Standing Committee met in Trinity Deanery, Little Rock, and gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. William Neilson McVickar, D. D., to be the Bishop-Coadjutor of Rhode Island.

May 3, 1898—The Standing Committee met in Little Rock in the study of the Right Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and gave consent to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, of St. John's Parish, Fort Smith, to borrow on a lot of ground belonging to the Parish, the sum of $1,200 from the American Church Building Fund Commission.

C. H. LOCKWOOD,
President of the Standing Committee.

Voted to proceed to the election of Clerical and Lay Deputies and Alternates to the next General Convention.

The Bishop appointed Rev. A. W. Pierce and Dean D. I. Hobbs, Clerical Tellers, and Mr. Jos. A. Reeves and Mr. Edward F. Furner, Lay Tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

Clerical Deputies.	Alternates in Order of Election.
Rev. C. H. Lockwood.	Rev. W. T. Allen.
Rev. D. B. Ramsey.	Rev. G. W. Flowers.
Rev. D. I. Hobbs.	Rev. R. S. James, D. D.
Rev. J. J. Vaulx.	Rev. G. Gordon Smeade.
Lay Delegates.	Alternates in Order of Election.
P. K. Roots.	R. V. McCracken.
Samuel S. Faulkner.	Richard B. Bancroft.
Joseph A. Reeves.	N. B. Trulock.
John M. Daggett.	Edward F. Furner.

On motion the daily sessions of the Council were fixed as follows: 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 6 p. m.

The Council proceeded to the election of Standing Committee.

The Bishop appointed Rev. A. W. Pierce and Mr. Edward F. Furner, Tellers.

Nominations being in order, the following names were nominated as Clerical members:

Rev. Chas. H. Lockwood, Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs, and Rev. Wm. T. Allen; and the following names as Lay members: Mr. P. K. Roots, Mr. Geo. G. Latta.

Each of the nominees having received a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, was declared elected.

On motion the Council took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, May 4, 8 p. m.

Council was called to order by the Bishop.

Rev. John Gass appeared and took his seat in the Council.

Harry L. Miniken, of St. Paul's, Batesville, appeared and presented the Treasurer's receipt for his Parochial assessment, and took his seat as a Lay Delegate.

By order of the Council the rolls of Clergy and of Lay Delegates were called, and the Secretary reported present of the Clergy, 12; Parishes on the roll, 19; present by Delegates, 17; not represented, 2.

Special Committee on Bishop's address relative to the election of Bishop-Coadjutor submitted the following report, and moved the adoption of the appended resolution:

Whereas, It is the sense of this Council that the action of the Special Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, called in Little Rock December 1, 1897, for the purpose of electing a Coadjutor-Bishop for said Diocese, was in all respects canonical, legal, regular, valid, and authoritative in electing the Venerable William Montgomery Brown, Archdeacon of Ohio, as Coadjutor-Bishop of this Diocese; and,

Whereas, Said election being in all respects legal, canonical, regular, authoritative, and valid, there can be no second election of a Coadjutor-Bishop by this Council; but this Council, desiring to put itself upon the records of this Diocese as in all respects affirming, ratifying, and testifying to the legality, validity, regularity, and canonicity of said election; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Council, that the Venerable William Montgomery Brown, Archdeacon of Ohio, be and is hereby declared to be the choice of this Council, as the duly, regularly, canonically, and validly elected Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas.

W. T. ALLEN,
G. W. FLOWERS,
P. K. ROOTS.

Vote on the resolution by orders was called for and canonically sustained.

Mr. W. G. Whipple, Delegate from Christ Church, Little Rock, spoke at length against the resolution.

The Secretary then called the roll of Clergy, who severally voted as follows:

Ayes—Revs. W. T. Allen, I. P. Daniels, William Cross, G. W. Flowers, D. I. Hobbs, R. S. James, C. H. Lockwood, A. W. Pierce, D. B. Ramsey, D. L. Trimble, J. J. Vaulx.

No—Rev. G. Gordon Smeade.

Not voting—Rev. John Gass.

Clerical vote, ayes, 11; noes, 1; not voting, 1. Total, 13.

The Secretary then called the roll of Parishes, and they severally voted as follows:

Ayes—St. John's, Camden; St. James's, Eureka Springs; St. Paul's, Fayetteville; Good Shepherd, Forrest City; St. John's, Fort Smith; St. John's, Helena; St. Luke's, Hot Springs; Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock; St. Philip's, Little Rock; St. Andrew's, Marianna; Redeemer, Nashville; St. Paul's, Newport; Grace, Washington.

Noes—St. Paul's, Batesville; St. Mark's, Hope; Christ Church, Little Rock; Trinity, Pine Bluff.

Not represented—St. Agnes's, Morrilton; Trinity, Van Buren.

Parishes on roll—19; not present, 2; present, 17.

Ayes—13; noes, 4; total, 17.

So the resolution was declared canonically adopted.

Rev. W. T. Allen rose to a question of personal privilege, and asked that his remarks be entered of record, which was, by vote of the Council, granted:

The remarks were as follows:

Whereas, At both the last General Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, held in May, 1897, and at the Special Council held in December, 1897, I put in nomination the Rev. John Gass, as Coadjutor-Bishop, he being my choice for that exalted position; and

Whereas, I now appear before this Council as Chairman of the Committee to which was referred that portion of the Bishop's address referring to the election of the Coadjutor-Bishop, and do now advise and move the confirmation and ratification of the action of the Special Council in electing Dr. Brown as Coadjutor;

Therefore, In order that I may put upon the records of this Diocese my reasons for this action, I desire to state them as follows:

First. That the Council is an authority of the Church in whose jurisdiction it lies to elect a Bishop, and as such is one of the authorities to which every loyal Christian owes, and will gladly pay, all due respect

and obedience regardless of individual preferences or wishes; and such Council having, as I am fully persuaded, legally and canonically elected the Venerable William M. Brown, D. D., as Coadjutor-Bishop of Arkansas, I feel myself in duty bound to defer to its voice.

Second. Though the right of preference and voice belongs to every Clergyman and Layman in the Council, yet, forasmuch as the Council and each individual in the Council left the choice of a Coadjutor-Bishop in the hands of God, where of right it belongs, by committing the choice to Him in special prayer, thereby implying passiveness to be guided by His spirit, and holding his mind and heart in subordination to His divine decision, as expressed by the majority vote of the Council, however greatly it may differ from his own wishes, a judgment; therefore, I feel myself in duty bound as a loyal Churchman and Christian to humbly and obediently defer to its voice, as the only expression of the Divine Will.

Third. For the sake of the Church, to conserve order and discipline in the Church, in the Spirit of God's Word, which bids me be in subjection to the powers that be, as ordained of God, and lest I should give occasion to others to rebel against the properly constituted authorities in Church or State, therefore I defer to the voice of the majority of the Council, and do hereby give my hearty allegiance to the voice of the Council, representing, as I believe, the voice of God in all cases of its jurisdiction, and the more cheerfully is this allegiance given in that I am assured of the entire fitness in all respects of the Venerable William M. Brown for this position in the Diocese of Arkansas, and I hereby declare my intention to give to him my loyal co-operation and support as the legally, canonically and validly elected Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas, if he shall be consecrated as such.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. ALLEN.

Upon motion the Council adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Second Day.

MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, May 5, 9 a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, the Rev. G. Gordon Smeade acting as Deacon.

After service the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

Roll was called and a quorum found present.

Record of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

The invitation of Trinity Cathedral Parish, Little Rock, to hold the next Annual Council at the Cathedral was unanimously accepted.

Committee on New Parishes reported that no business had been referred to them, and therefore they had no report to make.

The following communications from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention was read and ordered printed in the Journal.

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Arkansas:

In compliance with the requirements of Title III., Canon 1, Section 3, of the Digest, I would hereby give particular notice that the following alterations of the Constitution of the Church are proposed, to-wit: Those comprised in the resolutions subjoined, said resolutions having been constitutionally adopted by a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., in October, A. D. 1895, to-wit:

First.—It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal, pages 30, 31, 222):

Resolved, That the following amendment be made to the Constitution, and that the proposed amendment be made known to the several Dioceses in order that it may be finally agreed to and ratified in the next General Convention, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Constitution:

Strike out the Title and insert in place thereof the following:

"Constitutions and Canons for the Government of that portion of the Catholic Church known in law as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America;" adding thereto the subtitle, "Constitutions."

Second.—It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal, pages 142, 143, 144, 325, 326, 327):

Resolved, That the following amendment be made to the Constitution, and that the proposed amendment be made known to the several Dioceses in order that it may be finally agreed to and ratified in the next General Convention, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Constitution:

Insert in place of Articles 1, 2, and 3, of the Constitution, the following:

CONSTITUTIONS.

I.

Section 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate separately, and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, but every act of the General Convention must be adopted by both Houses, and be certified by the signatures of the Presiding Officer and of the Secretary of each House.

Sec. 2. Every Bishop of this Church, having jurisdiction, every Bishop-Coadjutor, and every Bishop whose resignation of jurisdiction shall have been accepted, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of those who have resigned their jurisdictions, and those who are Bishops in foreign lands, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. The Senior Bishop of this Church in the order of consecration, having jurisdiction within the United States, shall be the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops. He shall discharge such duties as may be prescribed by the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention, or, for its own needs by the House of Bishops, and shall hold office for life, unless he resign or be relieved from that office by a vote of a majority of the Bishops entitled to a vote in the House of Bishops.

Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which shall have been admitted to the General Convention shall be entitled to be represented in the House of Deputies by not more than four Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese, and by not more than four Laymen, communicants of this Church, and having domicile in the Diocese. Each Diocese shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

A majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation shall be represented by Clerical Deputies, and also a majority of the Dioceses so entitled shall be represented by Lay Deputies, to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The absence of a majority of the Deputies of either Order of any Diocese shall not invalidate the representation of such Diocese, so long as there be present one or more Deputies of either Order. If any Diocese be not represented, or be represented in one Order only, such Diocese shall nevertheless be bound by the acts of the General Convention.

On any question the vote of the majority of the Deputies present shall suffice, unless otherwise ordered by these Constitutions, or unless

the Clerical or Lay representation from any Diocese require that the vote be taken by Orders; and in all cases of a vote by Orders, the two Orders shall vote separately; each Diocese having one vote for its Clerical and one for its Lay representation, if present; and the concurrence of the votes of the two Orders, by not less than a majority in each Order of all the Dioceses represented in that Order at the time of the vote, shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the House: *Provided*, however, that if it shall appear that a constitutional quorum of the House has not voted, the Presiding Officer shall declare that there has been no vote of the House; and in such a case the question may be again put to the House when a quorum shall be present, at any time before the final adjournment of the Convention then in session.

Sec. 5. In either House any number less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day. Neither House during the session of the General Convention shall adjourn without the consent of the other for more than three days, nor to any place other than that in which the Convention shall be sitting.

Sec. 6. One Clerical and one Lay Delegate chosen by each Missionary District of this Church, or by a Convocation of the American Churches in Foreign Lands, convened by proper Ecclesiastical authority, shall have seats in the House of Deputies, subject to all the qualifications and with all the rights of Deputies except the right to vote.

Sec. 7. The General Convention shall meet in every third year on the first Wednesday in October, unless a different day be appointed by the preceding Convention, and at such place as shall have been determined on by the Convention; and if there shall appear to the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops sufficient cause for changing the place so appointed, he may appoint another place for such meeting. Special meetings may be called in accordance with canonical provisions of the Convention.

Third.—It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal, pages 87, 88, 138, 146, 305, 306, 319, 327, 328, 332):

Resolved, That the following amendment be made to the Constitution, and that the proposed amendment be made known to the several Dioceses in order that it may be finally agreed to and ratified in the next General Convention, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Constitution:

In the ninth line of Article 5 strike out the words "any other Diocese" and insert the words "any Missionary District, nor by the junction of any two or more Missionary Districts or parts of Districts, or any existing Diocese;" and in the thirteenth line strike out the words "as well as," and insert after the word "concerned" the words "and, in the case of a Missionary District or Districts, of the Bishop and Convocation of each, and in no case without the consent" so that it shall read as follows:

"No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any Missionary District, nor by the junction of any two or more Missionary Districts or parts of Districts, or any existing Diocese, nor shall any

Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses or parts of Dioceses or Districts, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, and, in the case of a Missionary District or Districts, of the Bishop and Convocation of each, and in no case without the consent of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated Diocese."

Fourth.—It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal, pages 140, 152, 313, 314, 337):

Resolved, That the following alteration be made in Article 5 of the Constitution and that the proposed alteration be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions in order that the same may be finally agreed to or ratified at the next General Convention, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Constitution.

Add at the close of the second paragraph the following words: "And also of the consent to the erection of such Diocese of a majority of the Parishes or Congregations in union with the Diocesan Convention, or of the Parishes or Congregations canonically constituted in a Missionary District within the territory of the proposed new Diocese." So that the concluding portion of the second paragraph of Article 5, as thus amended, shall read as follows:

"And such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese; and also of the consent to the erection of such Diocese of a majority of the Parishes or congregations in union with the Diocesan Convention, or of the Parishes or Congregations canonically constituted in a Missionary District within the territory of the proposed new Diocese."

Fifth. It was by concurrent action of the two Houses of the Convention (*vide* Journal, pages 96, 128, 319, 327, 328):

Resolved, That the following amendment be made to the Constitution, and that the proposed amendment be made known to the several Dioceses in order that it may be finally agreed to and ratified in the next General Convention, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Constitution:

Add to Article 5 of the Constitution the following, to-wit: "The General Convention may accept a cession of a part of the territorial jurisdiction of a Diocese when the Bishop and Convention of such Diocese shall propose such cession, and three-fourths of the Parishes in the ceded territory, and also the same proportion of the Parishes within the remaining territory, shall consent thereto."

Article 5 as amended by the third, fourth, and fifth of the foregoing resolutions will read as follows:

"A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese, to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions, viz:

"No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any Missionary District, nor by the junction of any two or more Missionary Districts, or parts of Districts, or any existing Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, and, in the case of a Missionary District or Districts, of the Bishop and Convocation of each, and in no case without the consent of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese; and also of the consent to the erection of such Diocese of a majority of the Parishes or Congregations in union with the Diocesan Convention, or of the Parishes or Congregations canonically constituted in a Missionary District within the territory of the proposed new Diocese."

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than six Parishes, or less than six Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve Parishes, or less than twelve Presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned; *Provided*, that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof; and the Bishop-Coadjutor, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a Diocese into two or more Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

The General Convention may accept a cession of a part of the territorial jurisdiction of a Diocese when the Bishop and Convention of such Diocese shall propose such cession, and three-fourths of the Parishes in the ceded territory and also the same proportion of the Parishes within the remaining territory, shall consent thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,

Secretary of the House of Deputies.

Concord, Mass., March 2, A. D. 1896.

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Arkansas:

In compliance with the requirements of Title III., Canon 1, Section 3, of the Digest, I would hereby give particular notice that the following alteration in the Book of Common Prayer was proposed in the General Convention of 1895, and is to be acted upon at the General Convention of 1898, to-wit: That contained in the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that the following change be made in the Book of Common Prayer, and that the proposed alteration be made known to the several Dioceses, in order that the same may be adopted in the next General Convention:

That on the first day of January in the year of our Lord 1900, the place of the Golden Numbers prefixed to several days in the Calendar, between the 21st day of March and the 18th day of April, both inclusive, be changed, and that the Golden Numbers be prefixed to days in the Calendar in March and April, as in the following table:

In March:		In April:	
	21		1
14	22	13	2
3	23	2	3
	24		4
11	25	10	5
	26		6
19	27	18	7
8	28	7	8
	29		9
16	30	15	10
5	31	4	11
			12
		12	13
		1	14
			15
		9	16
		17	17
		6	18

and that in the fifth line of page 25, the figures "1899" be changed to "2199."

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,

Secretary of the House of Deputies.

Concord, Mass., March 10, A. D. 1896.

Committee on Constitution and Canons, on the amendment referred to them, recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendment be adopted, as follows:

"Article 7. Of the Cathedral. The Parish known as Trinity Cathedral Parish, of Little Rock, shall be, and remain, the Cathedral Parish."

Change Article 7 to Article 8.
Vote resulted as follows:
Clerical—Ayes, 11; noes, 0. Parishes—Ayes, 16; noes, 0.
So the amendment to the Constitution was declared adopted.

Rev. D. L. Trimble offered the following resolution:

Whereas, In a protest against the consecration of the Venerable Wm. M. Brown, charges have been made against the Right Rev. H. N. Pierce and Clergy of the Diocese; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Council desires to put itself on record declaring those charges to be literally and absolutely without foundation.

The resolution was adopted by a large majority.

Rev. D. B. Ramsey was excused from further attendance on the Council after the morning session.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report:

To the Diocesan Council:

The Auditing Committee report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of P. K. Roots, Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund, of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and of Bishop-Coadjutor Fund, and find them correct, with balances as follows:

Diocesan Fund	$391.30
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	63.84
Bishop-Coadjutor Fund	65.00

J. R. YOUNG,
R. B. BANCROFT,
Auditing Committee.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary was ordered to cast the vote of the Council for P. K. Roots as Treasurer of the several Diocesan funds for the ensuing year.

The Secretary so cast the vote, and Mr. Roots was declared duly elected.

Mr. Richard B. Bancroft was elected Trustee of the University of the South for the term of three years.

Rev. G. Gordon Smeade and Rev. C. H. Lockwood were nominated for Clerical Trustee, University of the South.

The Bishop appointed R. V. McCracken and C. T. Coffman tellers.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Rev. C. H. Lockwood, 9; Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, 7; and the Rev. C. H. Lockwood was declared duly elected for the term of three years.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to have printed 500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Council and of the Special Council, held December 1, 1897, and distribute the same in the usual manner.

Mr. Richard B. Bancroft was unanimously elected Registrar.

The Council took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, May 5, 2 p. m.

Council was called to order by the Bishop.

C. H. Purvis and S. S. Faulkner, of St. John's, Helena, appeared and took their seats as Lay Delegates.

S. S. Faulkner, Trustee of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, read his report which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix III.)

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to pay to Mr. John M. Daggett, $100 as an honorarium, for services rendered at this and the Special Council of last December.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt Railroads for favors to those attending the Council.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the Rector, Vestry, and members of Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, and to Rev. D. L. Trimble, for entertainment of members of the Council.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the sexton of Trinity Church $5 for services during the session of this Council.

Committee on State of the Church submitted the following report:

The Committee on State of the Church beg leave to report that they find the Parochial reports presented this year very incomplete. The

removal during the year of three Rectors from the Diocese and continued vacancies in other Parishes, renders it impossible for this committee to ascertain the true progress of the Church in the Diocese for the past year. The reports placed in the hands of the committee show a net gain in the number of communicants in several Parishes, but an actual loss in a majority of them. While on the other hand, the Baptisms, confirmations and burials are still an average of past years.

The committee are for the same reasons unable to give a complete report of the financial condition of the Parishes throughout the Diocese. In several places, notably Pine Bluff, Van Buren, Fort Smith, and Fayetteville, the contributions are greatly in excess of last year. The committee is glad to learn that the Church edifices in process of construction at Helena and Fort Smith will soon be completed, and will be handsome and churchly structures.

Of the Missionary work done in the Diocese the committee has been unable to gather any information, except from the reports submitted by Rev. E. J. Williams. We are glad to note progress at St. Luke's, Brinkley; St. Mark's, Jonesboro; St. Matthew's, Imboden, and St. Thomas's, Wynne.

The committee also desires to call attention to the decrease in the offerings for Diocesan Missions, and to urge upon the Clergy and Laity more interest in that particular field of the Church's work.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. H. LOCKWOOD,
REV. G. W. FLOWERS,
P. K. ROOTS.

Committee on Ways and Means submitted their report which was unanimously adopted.

(See Appendix IV.)

Mr. J. R. Young was granted indefinite leave of absence, and Dr. W. B. Welch was substituted on the Auditing Committee.

The Deans of the several Convocations made verbal reports to the Council.

Report of the Auditing Committee on Books and Accounts of the Trustee of the Permanent Episcopate Fund was adopted as follows:

To the Diocesan Council:

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and vouchers and securities of Treasurer of the Episcopate Fund of the Diocese, and find his statement of condition of

Fund as reported, and desire to congratulate him upon his judicious management of same, as shown in the increase since his last report.

RICHARD B. BANCROFT,
W. B. WELCH.

(For Trustee's Report See Appendix III.)

The Secretary was ordered to cast the vote of the Council for S. S. Faulkner as Trustee of the Permanent Episcopate Fund.

The Secretary so cast the vote and Mr. Faulkner was declared unanimously elected.

Rev. John Gass offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. S. S. Faulkner for his wise management of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, resulting in the great increase of the same.

The Council resolved itself into a Board of Missions.

The Board of Managers submitted their report as follows:

The Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions beg leave to report as follows: It has held meetings May 6, 1897, May 11, 1897, August 4, 1897, May 3, 1898, May 4, 1898, and May 5, 1898. These meetings were unusually well attended. At the meeting held May 11, 1897, the new board was organized by the election of Mr. A. F. Adams as Treasurer, and Rev. W. T. Allen, as Secretary. Appropriations were made as follows: $100 to Marianna, Forrest City, and Wynne; $12.50 was given as a special appropriation to Rev. E. L. Ogilby; $150 to Brinkley, Jonesboro, and Imboden; $100 to Hope, if it secured a Rector; $25 to Rev. E. J. Williams, as a special for traveling expenses, and the same appropriation to Rev. R. S. James, D. D., of Eureka Springs, as last year. The Secretary was instructed to write to every Parish and Mission in the Diocese stating the work to be done, reminding them of their past appropriations, and urging them to do as well, if not better this year, and that they send in their contributions regularly and punctually each quarter. The Secretary wrote these letters but received only two or three replies. The subjoined report of the Treasurer shows how each place responded in money.

Your board reports with deep regret the great falling off in receipts this year, the total for 1898 being $316.38, against $484.63 for 1897. The cash balance at the beginning of this year was $250.72, as against $305.79 last year. The board was unable to meet its indebtedness without drawing on the balance from last year, although there was a removal of several missionaries, the deficit being $73.07. This loss of men has been keenly felt in the missionary work, and it is hoped their places will soon be supplied. It is with great urgency and emphasis that we call attention to the fact that much of this decrease of receipts

was due to the failure on the part of many places to make monthly collections, and some did not make any. They do not realize that though they may only be able to send a small sum quarterly, which, by itself, would amount to little, yet, taken with many such small sums, the aggregate is considerable. The secret of this system adopted by the Council is small contributions given by every baptized person in the Diocese monthly. *We would respectfully impress this fact as deeply as possible on the Clergy of the Diocese, and beg them for Christ's sake to keep it continually before their Parishes.* While we sympathize with them in the many calls made upon them and their people for many benevolent objects, yet we feel that the mission work of the Diocese is of paramount importance, and should take precedence over all other obligations, except current expenses. It is the life of the Church.

The board has learned by experience that a considerable sum can be raised without bearing on any individual more than a few cents per month, if only it is systematically and thoroughly done. The board reports all of its obligations met and a balance on hand of $265.72. It has secured for the mission field 250 prayer books and hymnals.

May God inspire us with a large measure of His grace that we may be full of zeal for His Cause as represented in His children, our brethren; and that we may recognize and rise to the full measure of our duty and a faithful discharge of the same.

The board recognizes its loyalty to and love for our dear Diocesan, and its sympathy with him in his ever-increasing work and ever-diminishing strength.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. ALLEN,
Secretary.

Also the report of Treasurer of Board, as follows:

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1898.

Christ Church	$ 70.90
Trinity, Little Rock	16.95
Hope	10.00
St. John's, Helena	58.75
St. John's, Fort Smith	50.00
Brinkley	2.06
Forrest City	3.91
Marianna	22.95
St. Paul's, Newport	5.00
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	63.25
Eureka Springs	5.00
Grace Church, Washington	5.61
From P. K. Roots, Treasurer	17.00
	$331.38
Balance on hand last report	305.79
Total receipts	$637.17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. E. J. Williams	$175.00
Rev. R. S. James	100.00
Rev. C. H. Lockwood	35.00
Rev. E. L. Ogilby	11.00
Rev. Jas. Noble	33.40
Paid for printing circulars	3.00
Paid freight on Bibles	7.05
Paid for boxes (afterward returned by Dis. Treas.)	7.00
	$371.45
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$265.72
	$637.17

This May 4, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. ADAMS,
Treasurer.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

For a Board of Managers Rev. R. S. James nominated Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. D. I. Hobbs and Rev. W. T. Allen; Messrs. N. B. Trulock, A. F. Adams, and C. H. Purvis.

Rev. John Gass nominated Rev. G. Gordon Smeade.

The Bishop appointed as tellers Rev. Dr. James and Rev. J. J. Vaulx.

The ballot resulted in the election of the following Board:

Rev. W. T. Allen, Rev. C. H. Lockwood, Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, Messrs. N. B. Trulock, A. F. Adams, and C. H. Purvis.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report:

To the Diocese of Arkansas:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of Board of Managers, finds the same correct.

R. B. BANCROFT,
Auditing Committee.

Council resumed its session as a Council. Reading of the minutes was dispensed with and it was left with the President and Secretary to see that the same are correct for publication.

After prayers with the benediction of the Bishop the Twenty-sixth Annual Council adjourned *sine die.*

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

Attest: JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

The Diocese of Arkansas assembles to-day in her Annual Council for the six and twentieth time. The past year, in some respects the most sorrowful one of my life, has added to my advancing age much more than a twelvemonth's increase of burden. Since our last Annual Council the names on our Clergy list have decreased in number from seventeen to fourteen. Soon after our adjournment last May the Rev. Edward L. Ogilby became resident in the Diocese of Tennessee, and on the 17th of September, 1897, I sent him, at his request, *Letters Dimissory*, transferring him to that Diocese. At the beginning of this year the Rev. James Noble, very much to my regret, expressed fully in a letter addressed to him about that time, resigned his charge of the united Parishes at Marianna and Forrest City, and on the 4th of January, 1898, I gave him *Letters Dimissory*, transferring him to the Diocese of Texas. On the 12th of February, 1898, I gave the Rev. James W. Keeble *Letters Dimissory*, transferring him to the Diocese of Dallas, Tex. This last removal, though regretted deeply, was not unexpected, for I was aware that Mr. Keeble had been for several months seeking a new field of labor. The fields left vacant by the removal of Rev. Messrs. Keeble and Noble are still without resident pastors, and I have grave doubts whether they will not remain so till the coming autumn. I have noticed that Southern vacancies of this kind are seldom filled during spring or summer. But notwithstanding this sad temporary decrease of Clerical force, the Conciliar year past, has registered some encouraging advances. The beautiful and much needed church edifices going up at Fort Smith and at Helena (the first in stone and the second in a peculiarly fine brick), are by contract to be ready for services in September next. I anticipate great growth in these important and active Parishes during the coming year. Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, has been reseated and very effectively decorated by its now energetic and harmonious congregation. The Rector, the Rev. G. G. Smeade, may well be congratulated on the great improvement of this Parish during his brief rectorate.

I should be glad to announce that the church debt resting on a few of our Parishes was rapidly disappearing. But so far as I am informed, I fear that the progress in that direction during the past year has been considerably slower than usual. One cause of this is doubtless the continued financial depression of the whole country. But brethren, I beg you to make strenuous and persistent efforts to rid your Parishes of the burden of debt. While you are hampered by that, you cannot freely and fully do God's work—the work that He has appointed for us to do. Daily we pray: "Thy Kingdom come," and daily we should endeavor to do something towards the advancement of God's kingdom on earth. As the soul that has its one earnest desire only of being saved in its utter selfishness can never be saved unless it cease to be

selfish, so no Parish will continue to prosper unless its chief aim be the *kingdom*, as well as the righteous of God and not merely parochial prosperity. The truest measure of a congregation's real godliness is its desire for the salvation of all, that is its self-sacrificing missionary spirit.

And this brings me to the consideration of our Diocesan Missions and Church extension in Arkansas. That I cannot, at my age and with the increasing infirmities attendant on the accumulation of years, prosecute this work with vigor and success, I have explained to you again and again in my annual addresses. It is needless to reiterate a truth so obvious to everyone. Far better than anyone in this Diocese I know what is needed to be done and what powers are required for its successful execution. If I could have accomplished the end sought even by the sacrifice of my life, I would have willingly made the sacrifice. But to sacrifice life and then leave the work undone would be folly and not Christian devotion or self-sacrifice. I ought to have, I *must* have a Coadjutor, and the Diocese of Arkansas in Council assembled decided that I should have one and that soon.

The question as to *who* that Coadjutor should be I left to the Diocese, reserving to myself the right to oppose the election of anyone unqualified for the office, or especially repugnant to myself. I had no cause, however, to exercise the right claimed. All of the Clergymen, three in number, put in nomination, were personally acceptable to me. Therefore I assumed and maintained a strict neutrality between the three candidates at first, and subsequently between the two candidates remaining after the dignified withdrawal of his name by the Very Rev. C. H. Lockwood. I do not intend to defend myself here against the unjust and totally unfounded charges made against me. Were I alone involved in this matter, I should suffer in silence, or seek my vindication before another tribunal than this. But the honor of every Clergyman and Layman in this Diocese has been assailed in calling in question the action of the Diocesan Council at its Special Session, December 1, 1897. I would gladly refrain from even touching upon this matter which has been a grief to me and a scandal to the Church. But the Diocese of Arkansas has been accused in the most public manner and before the whole American Church of electing the Venerable William Montgomery Brown, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Ohio, a man with the most brilliant record as a planter of churches, as a Missionary worker; a man of whom we have testimonials such as I believe would be given concerning no other Priest that I know or know of in the American Church. I repeat, the Diocese of Arkansas has been accused of electing this man by "undue influence, manipulation and practices fraudulent in fact." With a full knowledge of all the facts in the case, I did not hesitate to certify to all the Bishops and Standing Committees in the United States that "the recent election of a Bishop-Coadjutor for the Diocese of Arkansas was regular in every respect;" nor were charges to the contrary presented to the Council. Having carefully weighed all that has since appeared im-

pugning the action of the Diocesan Council in its late Special Session, I have not found the slightest reason to change one word in the declaration then made. I have to add but one word more. The fair honor of this Diocese has been rudely assailed. If the Diocese chooses to rest passive under the foul imputations cast upon her, she can do so. If she does not so choose, this Council, as her fullest representative, will take such steps to vindicate her honor as you in your wisdom may deem for the best. I leave the matter entirely in your hands. Whatever information I have concerning the whole matter is at your service if called for, and I claim the right to lay it before you of my own motion if the occasion requires it. With these remarks I close what I have to say on this subject.

I have made but a partial visitation of the Diocese since our last Annual Council. However, the number of confirmations reported is no evidence of a decrease of vital energy in this branch of the Holy Catholic Church. The life is vigorous still, and I hope in the coming year to see growth here hitherto unprecedented, for the field is ripe for the harvest, and laborers will not be few.

ABSTRACT OF JOURNAL.

May 7, Friday: At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., the Rev. Messrs. Vaulx and Lockwood said the Ante-Communion. I read my annual address, and, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Gass and Hobbs, celebrated the Holy Eucharist. After the services the Twenty-fifth Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas was called to order and organized. Then a recess was taken till 3 p. m. I presided at the afternoon session. At 8 p. m. I attended evening prayer and heard Rev. Mr. Ramsey's Conciliar sermon.

May 8, Saturday: Presided in Council in the morning. The Council having decided to go into the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor, the Clergy withdrew to my parlor and nominated the Venerable William Montgomery Brown, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Ohio. After leaving the Lay members to consult by themselves, I resumed the chair, and the ballot was taken. The Parishes failed to concur in the nomination made. At 8 p. m. the Clergy met again, but no nomination was made.

May 9, Sunday: The third after Easter. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, after morning prayer said by Dean Lockwood, Rev. G. W. Flowers reading the lessons, the Rev. D. B. Ramsey saying the creed and prayers, I said the Communion office, the Rev. J. J. Vaulx reading the Epistle, the Rev. George Gordon Smeade preached and I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by Dean Vaulx. At 8 p. m., after evening prayer, said by several of the Clergy, the Rev. Wm. Cross preached and I closed.

May 10, Monday: I presided in Council. The Clergy met again, but could agree on no nomination of a Bishop-Coadjutor. At 5:30 p. m. the Council adjourned *sine die*.

May 11, Tuesday: At 11 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., I ordered Priest the Rev. James Noble, Deacon; morning prayer having

been said, the Rev. John Gass presented the candidate. The Rev. Douglas I. Hobbs preached the sermon, I said the Communion office. the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, Gospeler, the Rev. D. B. Ramsey, Epistler, the Rev. John Gass, the Rev. D. I. Hobbs, the Rev. R. S. James, D. D., the Rev. D. B. Ramsey, the Rev. J. W. Keeble, the Rev. A. W. Pierce, the Rev. Wm. Cross, the Rev. E. J. Williams, the Rev. W. T. Allen, the Rev. C. H. Lockwood united in imposition of hands. I celebrated and administered alone, as the Rubric demands.

May 16, Sunday: The fourth after Easter. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

May 23, Sunday: The fifth after Easter. I assisted in saying the morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

May 27, Thursday: Ascension Day. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

March 30. Sunday: After Ascension. In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., at the request of Bishop Quintard, I confirmed three persons (three females), and addressed the class. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rector.

June 2, Wednesday: Commencement day at the Columbia Institute. I presented the Bowles medal, delivered the diplomas and made two addresses.

June 6, Sunday: Whitsunday. I preached and received the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn.

June 13, Sunday: Trinity Sunday. I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

June 20, Sunday: The first after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

June 24, Thursday: St. John the Baptist's Day. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

June 27, Sunday: The second after Trinity. Ill and not able to attend service.

July 1, Thursday: At 4:30 p. m. in St. Agnes's Church, Morrilton, I preached, confirmed three persons (two males, one female), and addressed the class.

July 4, Sunday: The third after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

July 11, Sunday: The fourth after Trinity. I preached in Trinity Cathedral.

July 18, Sunday: The fifth after Trinity. I assisted in the morning service and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

July 25, Sunday: The sixth after Trinity. I assisted in the morning service and received the Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

August 1, Sunday: The seventh after Trinity. I said morning service, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

August 4, Wednesday: I presided at a meeting of the Board of Diocesan Missions held in my study.

August 8, Sunday: The eighth after Trinity. I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

August 15, Sunday: The ninth after Trinity. I assisted in saying morning service and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

August 22, Sunday: The tenth after Trinity. I assisted in the morning services and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

August 29, Sunday: The eleventh after Trinity. As last Sunday.

September 5, Sunday: The twelfth after Trinity. I said morning service, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral. At 4 p. m. I officiated at funeral in Little Rock.

September 9, Thursday: At 10 a. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I confirmed one person (one male). The candidate was presented by the Rev. James Noble for Christ Church, Little Rock.

September 12, Sunday: The thirteenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

September 17, Friday: I sent Letters Dimissory to the Rev. Edward L. Ogilby, transferring him to the Diocese of Tennessee.

September 18, Saturday: At 4:30 p. m. in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, I confirmed three persons (one male, two females), and addressed the class.

September 19, Sunday: The fourteenth after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

September 26, Sunday: The fifteenth after Trinity. I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Ark.

September 29, Wednesday: St. Michael and All-Angels' Day. I preached and received the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville.

September 30, Thursday: At 7:30 p. m. in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, Ark., I preached and confirmed four persons (one male and three females), and addressed the class.

October 3, Sunday: The sixteenth after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

October 4, Monday: I sent to the Diocesan Secretary the call for a Special Session of the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, to assemble in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on Wednesday, December 1, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m.

October 10, Sunday: The seventeenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying the morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

October 17, Sunday: The eighteenth after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

October 24, Sunday: The nineteenth after Trinity. I assisted in saying morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

October 31, Sunday: The twentieth after Trinity. As my services were not needed, the weather cold and the church not heated, I remained at home.

November 1, Monday: All Saints' Day. A pouring rain all day prevented the assembling of any congregation in the Cathedral.

November 7, Sunday. The twenty-first after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

November 14. Sunday: The twenty-second after Trinity. I preached at the morning service in the Cathedral.

November 21. Sunday: The twenty-third after Trinity. I assisted at morning service and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

November 25. Thursday: Thanksgiving Day. I assisted in saying the morning service in the Cathedral. I this day gave my canonical consent to the Right Rev. Dr. Talbot's becoming Diocesan of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

November 28, Sunday: The first in Advent. I assisted in saying the morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

December 1, Wednesday: In Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., at 11 o'clock, I, being assisted by the Rev. J. J. Vaulx, the senior Priest of the Diocese, celebrated the Holy Eucharist. After the service the Special Council of the Diocese of Arkansas was called to order, duly organized and proceeded to business. The matters to be acted on were, as specified in the call, two: First, to settle on some plan for the support of a Bishop-Coadjutor; second, to elect a Bishop-Coadjutor. Mr. W. G. Whipple presented a financial scheme which, with slight amendments, was adopted at the afternoon session. Three nominations having been made, the Clergy submitted to the consideration of the Laity the name of the Venerable Archdeacon William Montgomery Brown, of the Diocese of Ohio. After much discussion, a ballot was taken and the nomination of the Clergy was concurred in by the Laity. Archdeacon Brown was declared Coadjutor-Bishop elect of the Diocese of Arkansas, and the canonical testimonial attesting this fact was duly signed almost unanimously. At 8 p. m. the Council adjourned *sine die*, after a brief address and prayer by the Bishop.

December 3, Friday: Having during the whole proceedings looking to the election of a Bishop-Coadjutor preserved the strictest neutrality between the two candidates, the Rev. John Gass and the Venerable W. M. Brown; having done absolutely nothing to secure or to prevent the election of either of them, I was much surprised to find in the morning paper virulent attacks on me in "interviews" from several well known people, two of whom were members of the Special Council and signers of the testimonial of Archdeacon Brown's election. The "interviews" showed plainly the spirit that dictated them, and all the other documents from the same source, that subsequently appeared. It is needless to say more on this subject here. Had the questions raised in these papers been presented to the Special Council before its adjournment they would have been settled at once and no trouble would have ensued.

December 5, Sunday: The second in Advent. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

December 9, Thursday: Archdeacon Brown arrived by morning train. I had no conversation with him as to the election or the action

of his opponents, till he had met them at Christ Church Rectory and heard their story and had also held a long interview with the Committee of Notification, the Rev. C. H. Lockwood, the Rev. D. B. Ramsey, and G. G. Latta, Esq. Then I told him I would give him a statement of my own attitude and action on the morrow, it being late at night.

December 10, Friday: The Rev. G. G. Smeade having called on Archdeacon Brown, I expressed my desire to read before the same persons who met Archdeacon Brown yesterday afternoon, a statement of my own action relative to the election of the Bishop-Coadjutor. Mr. Smeade promised to arrange for the desired meeting, and afterwards telephoned me that the time fixed upon was at 2 p. m. to-day, and the place a room in the basement of Christ Church. I read my statement to Archdeacon Brown, the Rev. D. B. Ramsey being present. At 2 p. m. I attended the appointed meeting. Major P. K. Roots accompanied me to act as my amanuensis if required. By my request the Rev. Mr. Gass was present and some one telephoned to Archdeacon Brown and he soon came. I read my statement. Mr. Whipple began to ask questions after I ceased reading, but refused to write them down. Said he would send them to me, to which I assented. Mr. Whipple produced a letter purporting to be from Eureka Springs, but who was the writer and to whom it was addressed, he would not tell. This letter, according to Mr. Whipple, asserted that there was no Vestry in St. John's Parish, Eureka Springs, nor had there been a Vestry for several years past. Immediately after the meeting broke up Archdeacon Brown caused telegrams to be sent to Rev. Dr. James and soon received ample proof of the falsity of the statement made by the unknown letterwriter. This shows the second position assumed by the opponents regarding the Eureka Springs vote. The first was that there could not be a Vestry there, since the Parish had only one adult male communicant. A third and finally a fourth position was assumed afterwards as will be seen hereafter.

December 12, Sunday: The third in Advent. I assisted in saying morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

December 14, Tuesday: Archdeacon Brown, who returned last evening from Hot Springs, whither he had gone on Saturday, left for his home this morning, leaving those who saw the most of him convinced that Arkansas had acted most wisely in electing him Bishop-Coadjutor.

December 18, Saturday: I signed the Testimonials of Archdeacon Brown as Bishop-Coadjutor elect to be sent to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses.

December 19, Sunday: The fourth in Advent. As the ground was one sheet of ice, I deemed it wise not to venture to go out.

December 22, Wednesday: I learned to-day that Mr. W. G. Whipple had sent to the Standing Committees a notification of a forthcoming protest against the consecration of Archdeacon Brown, the Bishop-elect, and learned also the contents of said circular.

December 25, Saturday: Christmas Day. At 10 a. m. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

December 26, Sunday: The first after Christmas. I preached in the Cathedral and received the Holy Communion.

December 27, Monday: I gave my canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. William M. McVicar, Coadjutor-Bishop elect of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

December 28, Tuesday: Received a call from Rev. Messrs. Gass and Smeade and learned from them the third phase of the question concerning the Eureka Springs vote. It is alleged now that there was a Vestry at Eureka last May, but there was none there on the first of this month, since nearly all the members have resigned or moved away. This is the third falsehood concerning this matter.

December 30, Thursday: Sent out to all the Standing Committees and Bishops, a circular note in answer to Mr. Whipple's notification of protest.

January 1, 1898, Saturday: The Circumcision. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

January 2, Sunday: The second after Christmas. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral.

January 4, Tuesday: I gave Letters Dimissory to the Rev. James Noble, transferring him to the Diocese of Texas.

January 6, Thursday: The Epiphany. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

January 9, Sunday: The first after Epiphany. I assisted in saying morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

January 15, Saturday: A copy of the protest against the consecration of the Bishop-Coadjutor elect of the Diocese of Arkansas, signed by Mr. W. G. Whipple and others was received by me to-day.

January 16, Sunday: The second after Epiphany. At 11 a. m. I assisted in saying the service and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral. At 4 p. m. in St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, I preached, confirmed one person (one female), and made an address.

January 21, Friday: The committee appointed to answer the "Protest," etc., signed by Mr. Whipple and others, completed their work to-day.

January 23, Sunday: The third after Epiphany. I preached in Trinity Cathedral.

January 25: St. Paul's Day. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist and made an address in Trinity Cathedral.

January 30, Sunday: The fourth after Epiphany. I assisted in saying the morning service in the Cathedral. At 3 p. m. I assisted at the opening services of the Logan H. Roots Charity Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., and dedicated the edifice to the service of Almighty God.

February 6, Sunday: Septuagesima. I preached and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

February 7, Monday: Wrote a statement of the grounds of my ruling in the Eureka vote case. This paper, with slight additions, was subsequently sent as a circular to the Bishops and Standing Committees.

February 12, Saturday: I this day gave Letters Dimissory to the Rev. James W. Keeble transferring him to the Diocese of Dallas, Tex.

February 13, Sunday: Sexagesima. I assisted in saying morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

February 17, Thursday: John M. Daggett, Esq., Diocesan Secretary, and myself, prepared and sent forth an answer to Protest No. 2, against the consecration of Bishop-Coadjutor elect, with a heading drawn up, apparently, by Mr. W. G. Whipple.

February 20, Sunday: Quinquagesima. I assisted in saying morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

February 23, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. I assisted at morning service in Trinity Cathedral.

February 25, Friday: Attended Lenten Service in the Cathedral at 4:30 p. m.

February 27, Sunday: The first in Lent. I assisted in saying morning service and received the Holy Communion in Trinity Cathedral.

February 28, Monday: Attended Lenten Service in the Cathedral at 4:30 p. m.

March 3, Thursday: Attended Lenten Service in the Cathedral.

March 6, Sunday: The second in Lent. Assisted in saying morning service in the Cathedral.

March 7, Monday: Attended Lenten Service in the Cathedral.

March 8, Tuesday: I said evening prayer in the Cathedral.

March 9, Wednesday: Said evening prayer in the Cathedral.

March 10, Thursday: Said evening prayer in the Cathedral.

March 11, Friday: Said evening prayer in the Cathedral.

March 13, Sunday: The third in Lent. At 11 a. m. in St. John's Church, Fort Smith, I preached, confirmed seven persons (three males, four females), addressed the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. At 7:30 p. m. I preached again, confirmed two persons (two males), and addressed the class.

March 14, Monday: I confirmed at Fort Smith one person (one male) in private, a sick man.

March 16, Wednesday: At 4:30 p. m. I attended Lenten Service in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville.

March 19, Saturday: At 4:30 p. m. I attended Lenten Service in St. Paul's.

March 20, Sunday: The fourth in Lent. At 11 a. m. in St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, I preached, confirmed four persons (one male, three females), addressed the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. A drenching rain forbade holding a second service.

March 27, Sunday: The fifth in Lent. At 11 a. m. in St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, I preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

At 4 p. m. I preached again, confirmed five persons (one male and four females), and addressed the class.

April 3, Sunday: Palm Sunday. At 11 a. m. in Christ Church, Little Rock, the Rev. John Gass, Rector, said the Ante-Communion. I preached, confirmed thirty-seven persons (—males and —females) and addressed the class.

April 4, Monday: In Holy Week. I attended morning service in the Cathedral, Little Rock.

April 5, Tuesday: In Holy Week. I attended morning service in the Cathedral.

April 6, Wednesday: In Holy Week. At 7:30 p. m. in Trinity Church, Van Buren, I preached, confirmed two persons (two females), and addressed the class.

April 7, Thursday: Maundy Thursday. At 10 a. m. I received the Holy Communion in Trinity Church, Van Buren. At 4 p. m. I preached in St. John's Church, Fort Smith.

April 8, Friday: Good Friday. I preached at morning service in St. John's Church, Fort Smith.

April 10, Sunday: Easter Day. At 11 a. m. I celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock. At 7:30 p. m. I preached, confirmed ten persons (two males and 8 females), and addressed the class.

April 14, Friday: I presided at a meeting of Trinity Cathedral Chapter, held in my study.

April 17, Sunday: The first after Easter. At 11 a. m. in St. John's, Helena, I preached, confirmed seven persons (four males, three females), and addressed the class. At 8 p. m. in St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, I preached, confirmed one person (one female), and made an address.

April 18, Monday: At 8 p. m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, after evening prayer by Dean Lockwood and Rev. E. J. Williams, I preached.

April 19, Tuesday: At 10:15 a. m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, I confirmed two persons (one male, one female), and addressed the class. At 8 p. m. I preached again in the same church.

April 24, Sunday: The second after Easter. At 11 a. m. in Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. G. G. Smeade, I preached, confirmed twelve persons (six males, six females), addressed the class and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

May 1, Sunday: The third after Easter. I assisted at morning service in Trinity Cathedral, and received the Holy Communion. At 3 p. m. I presided at a special meeting of the Cathedral Chapter.

May 3, Tuesday: At 1 p. m. I presided at a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Missions held in my study.

To this abstract I add the following:

SUMMARY.

Sermons preached	30
Addresses	23
Eucharists celebrated	28
Ordinations—Priest	1
Letters Dimissory given	3
Confirmed	102
Miles traveled	2,684

CONFIRMATIONS.

Christ Church, Little Rock	38
St. John's, Fort Smith	14
Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock	13
St. John's, Helena	7
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	5
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	4
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff	12
St. Agnes's, Morriliton	3
Trinity, Van Buren	2
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	2
St. Andrew's, Marianna	1
St. Philip's, Little Rock	1
	102

The above mentioned Parishes are the only ones visited by me since the last Council.

The collections for the Arkansas Church Building Fund are as follows:

Fort Smith	$12.71
Fayetteville	5.03
Hot Springs	8.95
Christ Church, Little Rock	27.20
Van Buren	1.40
Trinity Cathedral	8.10
Helena	5.00
Marianna	3.15
Forrest City	3.00
Pine Bluff	10.30
	$85.44

I have appropriated of this sum, $12.71 to the new Church at Fort Smith. The $72.73 remaining goes towards the Dardanelle Church debt.

My Dear Brethren, I have many things in mind to which I might give utterance, but I forbear. I close my remarks by asking you to choose wise men and true to represent you in the next General Convention, which is to assemble in Washington, D. C., in the coming

October. Matters of much moment are to be considered, and perhaps decided there. I now leave you to your deliberations, praying that the Holy Ghost will guide you.

H. N. PIERCE,
Bishop of Arkansas.

APPENDIX II.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESE—DIOCESAN FUND.

Balance on hand at last report.....$353.95

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
September—From Trinity Church, Van Buren.....	$ 10.00	
December—From Trinity Church, Van Buren.....	$ 11.00	
1898.		
April—From St. James's Church, Eureka Springs.....	5.00	
April—From St. John's Church, Camden.....	10.00	
April—From Trinity Cathedral.....	30.00	
May—From St. Philip's Church, Little Rock.....	2.50	
May—From Church of the Redeemer, Nashville.....	7.00	
May—From Church of the Redeemer, Nashville.....	3.00	
May—From St. Andrew's Church, Marianna.....	5.00	
May—From Grace Church, Washington	5.00	
May—From Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City.	5.00	
May—From St. Mark's Church, Hope.....	10.00	
May—From Trinity Church, Van Buren.....	10.00	
May—From St. Paul's Church, Newport.....	12.00	
May—From St. Paul's Church, Batesville.....	15.00	
May—From St. John's Church, Fort Smith.....	25.00	
May—From St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville.....	30.00	
May—From St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs.....	30.00	
May—From Trinity Church, Pine Bluff.....	30.00	
May—From St. John's Church, Helena.....	50.00	
May—From Christ Church, Little Rock.....	100.00	
Total		$759.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.	
May—Paid Arkansas Democrat for 100 circular letters with envelopes.....$	5.00
July—Paid Arkansas Democrat for printing Journals...	172.00
July—Paid J. M. Daggett, Secretary, expense sending out Journals.....	22.15

July—Paid Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses attending Standing Committee	$ 10.50	
October—Paid S. S. Faulkner, Trustee Episcopate Fund.	100.00	
December—Paid Zach Hurt, Janitor Special Council..	5.00	
1898.		
Paid Arkansas Democrat, printing and sending out *per capita* assessment circulars	3.40	
Printing and sending out testimonials Standing Committee	16.30	
April—Paid A. F. Adams, Registrar, for collecting, arranging and boxing Journals	17.00	
May—Paid Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses Notification Committee	1.80	
May—Paid Rev. C. H. Lockwood, expenses attending Standing Committee	5.00	
May—Paid Right Rev. H. N. Pierce, expenses Notification Committee	58.80	
May—Paid Warren, Pine Bluff, Janitor	5.00	
May—Paid J. M. Daggett, Secretary, amount allowed by Council	100.00	
		$521.93
Balance on hand		$237.50

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. ROOTS, Treasurer.

May 5, 1898.

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY.

Balance on hand at last report ..... $ 91.54

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
July—July interest on $500 paid up Building Ass'n stock	$ 15.00	
November—From Trinity Cathedral	6.10	
1898.		
March—From Trinity Cathedral	1.20	
March—January interest on $500 paid up Building Ass'n stock..	15.00	
April—From St. John's Church, Fort Smith	7.00	
May—From St. John's Church, Helena	12.70	
		$148.54

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897-98.		
Paid twelve months' dues on $500 installment Building Ass'n stock	$ 62.00	
Cash balance on hand	$ 86.54	
Also paid up Building Ass'n stock	$500.00	

BISHOP-COADJUTOR FUND.

1898.

March—Received from St. John's Church, Camden	$ 50.00
May—Received from Trinity Cathedral	15.00
Total	$ 65.00

APPENDIX III.

To the Diocesan Council of the State of Arkansas:

Brethren—I have the pleasure of submitting my sixth annual report of the condition of the Permanent Episcopate Fund, showing receipts, expenditures and actual value of fund on the above date.

RECEIPTS.

May 1, 1896.

To balance on hand	$ 700.52
To loan repaid by St. John's Church	274.61
To loan repaid by Home B. & L.	1,500.00
To loan repaid by Miles Place	455.00
To loan repaid by Library Bond	500.00
To People's B. & L. forced loan	3,924.00
	$7,354.13

FROM INTEREST.

Various Dates.

St. John's Church	$ 49.77
Library Bonds	80.00
Miles Place	40.95
B. & L. loan	128.01
Short loans	181.60
	$ 480.33

PINE BLUFF PROPERTY.

May 1, 1898.

To amount received, twelve months' rent, at $27 per month	$324.00

FROM DONATIONS.

Treasurer of Diocesan Fund	$ 100.00
P. K. Roots	5.00
Grace, Washington	3.00
Jonesboro	.50
Eureka Springs	5.00
	$ 113.50
Grand total	$8,271.96

EXPENDITURES.

Building and Loan Association Dues.	
By Home Mutual, first series	$ 96.00
By Home Mutual, second series	60.00
People's, first series	1,005.75
Little Rock, series 13	60.00
By loan, Miles Place	450.00
By loan, Home Mutual	1,000.00
By loan, Waters	1,065.00
By loan, Straub Bros.	1,150.00
By loan, J. Goodman	570.00
	$5,456.75

PINE BLUFF PROPERTY.

By repairs, insurance, taxes, water and expenses, as per vouchers, No. 1 to — inclusive	108.25
Cash on hand	$2,706.96
Total	$8,271.96

PRESENT VALUE OF FUND.

Building and Loan Stock.	Amount.	Paid In.	Present Value.
Little Rock	$ 500.00	$ 380.00	$ 482.00
Home, No. 2	1,000.00	790.00	1,367.90
Home, No. 3	1,000.00	290.00	420.00
People's	10,000.00	6,459.55	5,168.00
Library Bonds			1,000.00

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Home Mutual	$ 1,000.00	$1,003.00	$ 1,003.00
C. W. Waters	1,065.00		1,096.00
Straub Bros.	1,200.00		1,218.00
Miles Place	450.00		471.00
J. Goodman	570.00		582.00
St. John's Church	246.64		254.64

PINE BLUFF PROPERTY.

Former Valuation	$ 3,936.00
Cash on hand	2,706.96
	$19,705.50
Value at close of last term	17,115.70
Increase	$ 2,589.80

S. S. FAULKNER,
Trustee.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your Committee submits a list of unpaid assessments and of the assessments for the ensuing year.

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

Reported last year, St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	$ 7.00
This year, St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	5.00
St. Agnes's, Morrilton	5.00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

St. Paul's, Batesville	15.00
St. John's, Camden	10.00
St. James's, Eureka Springs	7.00
St. Paul's, Fayetteville	30.00
St. John's, Helena	50.00
St. Mark's, Hope	10.00
St. Luke's, Hot Springs	30.00
St. John's, Fort Smith	50.00
Christ Church, Little Rock	100.00
Trinity, Little Rock	30.00
St. Andrew's, Marianna	5.00
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring	5.00
St. Agnes's, Morrilton	5.00
Redeemer, Nashville	3.00
St. Paul's, Newport	12.00
Trinity, Pine Bluff	30.00
Trinity, Van Buren	15.00
Grace, Washington	5.00
Good Shepherd, Forrest City	5.00
St. Philip's, Little Rock	3.00
	$425.00

R. S. JAMES, Chairman,
J. A. REEVES,
JOHN GATLING.

APPENDIX V.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Thursday, May 5, 8 p. m.

A missionary meeting and meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Trinity Church. After shortened form of evening prayer the meeting listened to addresses from Mr. Geo. R. Ruffin, and Rev. J. J. Vaulx, on Missions.

Mrs. J. B. Pillow, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, read an address, and Mrs. John Gass, Secretary, read her report, which are appended to the Journal.

APPENDIX VI.

Rev. Father, Bishop of Diocese, Clergy, Laity, and Members of Woman's Auxiliary:

Since our last annual meeting a small gain in membership can be reported. While not increasing as rapidly as we could wish, we can say, "We hold fast to the faith that is in us," and that it is the nature of all good things to grow slowly. Thinking women of the Church are coming to a realization of the fact that organization of forces means success. Concert of action is essential to all successful work in the Parish, and those to whom you render obedience in that Parish are by God's appointment. There is no doubt that in rendering this obedience there is often a mental reservation that we could suggest improvement of the law, but no human judgment can be infallible, and your own is as liable to be mistaken as any other. After more than twenty-five years of existence the work of the Woman's Auxiliary is not yet fully known. By one it has been described as a sort of young woman's Christian association in the Church, by another it is thought of as a means of employment of women's hands, by another as giving women something to think about. By some it is looked upon as a not always dependable bureau of supply, by others as a well disposed but uncertain friend. By the women themselves it is often considered a little more than a sewing society, or is recognized wholly in the form of the collector making her unwelcome rounds. The knowledge of such unworthy views to which we have made ourselves all too liable in the past should stimulate us to better efforts in the future. It is doubtless worth the effort to win over those who hold these views to the ranks of those who have a truer knowledge of what the Auxiliary is or would

be. For that for which it strives is lofty, and not easily obtained. In helping to make of the women of the Church what some women already are, women who believe that life is something more than meat, and the body than raiment; women who do not think poverty the worst of ills or suffering an evil only; women who see in every human being the human soul, which in poverty and suffering may continue pure and strong in the knowledge and love of Christ. Blessed with this knowledge and heavenly love, these women want to bring others to that knowledge and love. These women work with their hands to relieve our Missionaries in the measure of their worldly cares that they may be more free for the Divine purpose of their Ministry; they give of their wealth of poverty that through Church and school, and home and hospital, through the ministrations of the doctor and teacher, the nurse and the ordained Missionary, Christ's love may be shown, and His kingdom spread. We want to draw nearer to our State Parishes, and through them to the great world of which we are such a small part. We want to understand more truly what St. Paul meant by the Body of Christ, for whose perfection no single member must be lacking in its duty to the whole. Many women urge that they are too busy; our Lord did not select his workers from the leisure class; there never has been a command given that it was not possible to obey in the spirit at least. The plea so often heard, "I have no time," might be more correctly given, "I have no desire, no inclination for the work." We cannot all go in our own persons, but we can encourage with prayer, and substantial help those who can go. Do not think anything too small to do, for who can tell what the harvest will be. Especially we women of Arkansas should be up and doing. For years we have been beneficiaries of this very fund which we should now seek to augment by bearing our share of the burden. If we look at it in that light we must not rest with doing what our own hands have found to do, but we must tell it out. Promptness is essential, the time is short, and unless you attend at once to the duty of the hour, the opportunity may be lost. God's tenth must be collected. Delay in collecting and sending it has caused suffering and distress to the faithful Missionary and brought care and debt upon the societies which look after their interests. God's government is one of strict rule, and to educate and develop and govern our bodies, minds and souls, we must render constant obedience to the laws He has given us for our physical, mental, and spiritual welfare. Everywhere in the mysterious economy of nature, trifling causes may produce tremendous changes.

"Little things on little wings,
Bear little souls to Heaven."

The influence of a good woman can cast a refining and elevated tone over any society in which she mingles. Everyone has some gift, some talent, for which he must give account when the Lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them. Some have money, which is most essential, and what a privilege theirs is, for "more blessed is he

who gives than he who receives." Others have executive ability, which is needed, while there are others who only have their time to give, and in God's sight how precious that must be! Every day we see fulfilled the promise, "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." It has been said that recently Christian people seem to be awaking to more correct views upon the subject of stimulating and directing the gifts of the faithful. The inquiry is being made as to God's plan, the giving of tithes for the support of His worship, teaching His children, feeding His poor, beautifying His sanctuary, spreading abroad His gospel among heathen darkness and superstition. Do we who have entered fully into the enjoyment of the "Shadow of good things to come" show our gratitude by larger offering than the Jews? The Lord is the same forever, and the things that pleased Him in the days of the Patriarchs and Prophets please Him now. Some may say, I am poor, have very little money, so how can I do these things? "If thou hast little do thy diligence gladly to give of that little," and do it according to God's commandment. If the simple rule of the tenth was followed, the treasury of the Lord would be filled to overflowing. Everywhere the field seems ripe for the harvest, but the hand of the reaper is stayed, because his people fail to do their duty. The early fathers of the Church taught that one-tenth of the income and one-seventh of our time was the least of God's requirement, and for hundreds of years this was the rule. If we could return to this rule prosperity would bless our Church and land, and the Lord give his people the blessings of peace. Let each of us ask ourselves the question: "What am I doing for the Master?" Can it be said of me as of the penitent woman in the Gospel, who bathed His sacred feet with her tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head, "Her sins which are many are forgiven, for she loved much." As a general thing the most successful workers are the busy wives and mothers who care for large families, manage small incomes in a way to meet the demands upon them, and have a heart to love and a hand to help God's poor. Let us incorporate in our daily prayer the special one of the Woman's Auxiliary. Be always and everywhere a learner, remembering that the spirit in which we work is more important than the work itself. The most successful Parish work is that under the authority of the Rector, so with this broader field, do all under his guidance. The plans are wisely laid, because he brings to the teaching experience, and much waste of time, strength and speech is obviated. It is not often in the power of a woman, unless she occupies an exceptional position, to understand the best way of working a Parish, but by obedience, gentleness and faithfulness, it is in her province to see things in their true light. At Whitsuntide we pray for a right judgment in all things; to do this we must try to see both sides of a question. If you believe that the branch of the Holy Catholic Church to which you belong retains the faith once delivered to the Saints in Apostolic purity and practice, love it, teach its doctrines and uphold them in grandeur and simplicity.

We want our women to understand the Woman's Auxiliary, and not think of it as something beyond their pale, coming to ask money and interfere with other church work, but recognize it for what it stands, as one of the great factors of good, and rally to its support. We, for whom the Missionary spirit has done and is still doing so much good, cannot afford to ignore its value. Money is not the chief thing in this work. Poverty is no excuse for Parishes or individuals refusing to connect themselves with the Woman's Auxiliary. If our minds are filled with Missionary intelligence, our hearts with Missionary zeal, we will find the means to help in this great work. If each woman in this Diocese would give her little mite, do a little missionary reading, say each Sunday her prayer for missions, as is her privilege and duty, and thus keep in touch with what the women of our Church are doing in all the world, our branch would no longer be composed of a few weak, struggling Parishes, but the meetings would be looked upon as so important and interesting that every woman in the Diocese would want to be in the front rank to do battle for Christ our King.

The few members are faithful, but we must have more, and we appeal to the Clergy to give us as we know they will, their aid and encouragement, and beg that they will urge into the Auxiliary every baptized woman in their respective fields of labor. If they can do nothing else, attend the meetings, and learn and pray for our Lord's kingdom. Why there is not more enthusiasm I do not know, unless we do not pray enough; unless we lose sight of the spiritual side and give ourselves too much to the practical worship. Many branches have a quiet day; possibly that would help us to avail ourselves of a day passed in God's presence. All worldly thoughts and cares laid aside for a little while; to sit like Mary at His feet, when we will arise strengthened and refreshed for our work, and loving to help those who sit "in the darkness and shadow of death." The late Bishop Brooks, in his sermon on "The Mind's Love to God," says: In the days to come there will be ever increasing demand for thoughtful saints, for men and women, earnest, lofty, spiritual, but also full of intelligence, knowing the meaning and the reasons of the things which they believe. If our children and grandchildren are to come to this high plane of knowing, thinking, and living, let us place them where they may be taught the faith once delivered to the Saints, and ourselves make the way for them by definite study and systematic work. Let maps be hung up in all the Guild rooms, the mission stations located. Bishop, clergy, men and especially our women workers, known and called by name, with their stories of love and labor interwoven. With this mind's love to God we shall have definite, systematic work without in the least dampening the impulsive ardor of the zealous, for the heart of woman will always outrun the head.

"Great may be he who can command
And rule with just and tender sway;
Yet is diviner wisdom taught
Better by him who can obey.

Blessed are those who died for God
And earned the Martyr's crown of light,
Yet he who lives for God may be
A greater consequence in His sight."

MRS. J. B. PILLOW,
President Woman's Auxiliary of Arkansas.

APPENDIX VII.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR YEAR ENDING MAY, 1898.

Following is the third annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church for the year ending May, 1898:

To Bishop H. N. Pierce:

Right Reverend Father—The following report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions for the year ending May, 1898, is respectfully submitted:

There are active working branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions at Christ Church, Little Rock; Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock; St. John's, Helena; St. Paul's, Newport; St. Luke's, Hot Springs, and the junior auxiliary at Trinity, Pine Bluff. The church women of St. Andrew's, Marianna, while not formally organized into a branch of the auxiliary, have contributed to the united offering. We have reasons to hope that very soon a regularly established work will begin there. An offering from scattered church women in Hamburg, Monticello and surrounding points through St. Mary's Guild, has given something to the united offering, showing a love for the church and a desire to do even a little, which is acceptable when love and self-sacrifice are represented by it. The young girls of Trinity, Pine Bluff, organized into the junior auxiliary, the only branch in the Diocese as yet, have done a splendid work. The officers of the junior auxiliary are: Miss Martha Valliant, president; Miss Adele Hewen, vice president; Miss Mamie Eagle White, treasurer; Miss Pauline Scull, secretary. The report from the juniors is as follows: A Christmas box prepared and sent to the Church Home for Orphans in Memphis, Tenn., valued at $20. An Easter offering for general missionary work. They are now working for the united offering, and we predict during the summer months, in vacation time, that these young workers will do much for the development and growth of their auxiliary. We commend the girls of Trinity, Pine Bluff, for the interest they are taking in the church's great work for the Master. We believe their example and influence will reach to others in the Diocese, and that soon the junior auxiliary will be established in other parts of the vineyard.

The Hot Springs branch organized October 5, 1897, with the following officers: Mrs. P. H. Ellsworth, president; Mrs. G. G. Latta, vice president; Mrs. M. C. Tombler, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Mellard, treasurer.

We welcome this new branch with gratitude for their efforts. "By their fruits ye shall know them," is the beautiful motto they have chosen, and we feel it will ever be an incentive to them to labor in love and devotion to the Master's cause. They report as having given to parochial work $331.23. Initiation dues amounting to $2.30 have been sent to the Diocesan treasurer, and we hope soon for an offering from St. Luke's for the united fund.

Newport is doing well, and working with much interest under her efficient officers, which are as follows: Mrs. Magoffin, president; Mrs. Ella Willmans, secretary; Mrs. Mildred Dorsey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. McCauley, treasurer. They are now at work for one of the Indian agencies. The secretary writes: "Our meetings are profitable and well attended, always opened with a short service and selections from the Spirit of the Missions." St. Paul's, Newport, will make a contribution to the united offering. We feel sure there is a future for the work in this part of our dear Lord's vineyard.

St. John's, Helena, has had no change in her officers since our last report. She has added to her membership; held fortnightly meetings until Lent, when weekly meetings were necessary, for the preparation of an Easter box of wearing apparel sent to an Indian mission in Oklahoma, valued at $50. In addition to this, a generous contribution has been made by this branch.

The Cathedral branch, through her efficient secretary, Mrs. D. I. Hobbs, and faithful president, Mrs. P. K. Roots, have sent an encouraging report of work done in their branch. During Advent they prepared and sent to the Rev. F. B. Wey, Waynesville, N. C., for his missions, a box containing new clothing for children, garments for adults, and Christmas gifts. The box was valued at $30. This branch has also contributed generously to the united offering, and during Lent did some work for Diocesan purposes.

Christ Church, Little Rock, except through the summer months of July and August, have held monthly meetings. The Rector is always present and gives some readings or instructions upon missionary subjects. The newly elected officers at the annual election in September are as follows: Mrs. Caroline Cohen, president; Mrs. Sue Peay, vice president; Mrs. Edgar Hohnan, treasurer; Mrs. John Gass, secretary; Miss Matilda Jordan, corresponding secretary. The work of this branch has been to send a box to a missionary in Texas, valued at $40. He wrote, expressing his appreciation in these words: "We shall both feel much encouraged many a day for this act of thoughtful attention from you all. May you be enabled to continue in this loving work of doing somewhat towards strengthening the hands of the laborer in his field upon the frontier." This branch has contributed to general missions, to Diocesan missions, and to the united offering during the year now ending. Christ Church has organized the babies' branch in connection

with her auxiliary. Easter Sunday, 1898, twenty-five members were enrolled and given the little mite chests, with the prayer, "God bless the missionaries and their work, and all the little helpers, for Jesus' sake." A penny a week is all that is asked from the wee ones, and a great work might be done if all the branches in the Diocese would take it up and form the babies' branch. We could, in this beautiful way, raise enough money to support a missionary in Arkansas. Will you not think of this and let us give our children the privilege of doing something for the spread of His kingdom?

And now my work is ended! This is the report of the work done by the women of the church through the auxiliary in this Diocese, the year ending May, 1898.

We must and do feel strengthened and encouraged to press on. We know that a beginning has been made, and that each department of the Woman's Auxiliary is now established in our Diocese. It is God's Work for His church, for the spread of His kingdom. We can look to Him to help us in the future as He has in the past.

Let us be united, of one heart, of one mind, doing all to the glory of God, remembering that "All is unity; all rests in unity; all springs from unity—strives for and leads up to unity, and returns to unity at last."

MRS. JOHN GASS,
Secretary.

APPENDIX VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS

FOR THE CONCILIAR YEAR, 1898.

St. Paul's Church, Batesville, Independence County.

Rev. J. W. Keeble, Rector (resigned February 1, 1898). J. Conway Fitzhugh, Lay Reader; Jno. Conway Fitzhugh and Dr. Wm. B. Lawrence, Wardens; Wm. Ramsey, Clerk; Jos. E. Rosebrough, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 80. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Burials, 3. Communicants—Received, 1; removed, 2; present number, 76. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; pupils, 60; total, 66. Public Services—On Sunday, 42; on other days, 41; Holy Communion, 10. Sittings in the Church—Free, 200.

Services are supported by annual subscription, by weekly envelope system, and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $10; current expenses, $90; payment of Minister's salary, $400. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $15; Missions—Foreign, $5; domestic, $5; total, $10. Total for all objects, $525.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $500; value of Church building, $1,500; value of Rectory, $200; total value of all Parish property, $2,200.

St. Luke's Church, Brinkley, Monroe County.

Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, Missionary; residence, Mammoth Spring, Ark.; T. H. Jackson, Lay Reader; F. E. Sapp and E. T. Owen, Wardens; S. W. Thompson, Clerk; T. H. Jackson, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 49; number of families, 12. Baptisms—Infants, 2. Number of confirmed persons, 24. Communicants—Present number, 23. Sunday School—Teachers, 4. Public Services—On Sunday, 33; on other days, 16; Holy Communion, 10. Sittings in the Church—Free, 75.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $22.25; payment of debts, $84.50; Minister's salary, $150. Diocesan—Diocesan Missions, $2. Missions—Domestic, $2.55. Total for all objects, $261.30.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $150; value of Church building, $600. Total value of all Parish property, $750. Total indebtedness of the Parish, $19.50. On hand for exterior completion of Church, $50.

Our Church is working very satisfactorily. The Guild has done a good work, and the Missionary in charge is especially grateful and much cheered by the kindly feeling expressed towards him; also for its outward manifestations in the sending of a useful and well-filled Xmas box last Xmas by members and friends in St. Luke's Parish. It is to be believed that real help was given by a short mission preached by the Revs. J. Goss and C. H. Lockwood, resulting in increased earnestness upon the part of the people and joy with the Pastor in charge. We also desire to express our thanks for the help and encouragement received from friends outside of the Parish, especially those of St. John's Parish, Helena, who have succored us upon several occasions.

St. John's Church, Camden, Ouachita County.

Rev. David B. Ramsey, Rector; residence, Camden; P. Lynch Lee, Lay Reader; Caleb H. Stone and Joseph A. Reeves, Wardens; Orlin C. Reeves, Clerk and Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 74; number of families, 19; number of confirmed persons, 50. Communicants—Present number, 48. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; pupils, 32; total, 38. Sittings in Church—Free, 180.

Services are supported by annual subscription, and by voluntary contributions.

Valuation of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $500; value of Church building, $2,500; value of Rectory, $600; other Parish property, $30. Total value of all Parish property, $3,630.

St. James's Church, Eureka Springs, Carroll County.

Rev. Richard Sexton James, D. D., Rector; residence, Eureka Springs, Ark.; Charles Dexter James, Lay Reader; Colonel William G. Wear and James Frazier Sechler, Wardens; Charles D. James, Clerk and Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 32; number of families, 16. Baptisms—Infants, 1; adults, 1; total, 2; marriages, 1; burials, 3; number of confirmed persons, 32. Communicants—Received, 4; removed, 12; present number, 32. Public Services—On Sunday, 60; on other days, 23; Holy Communion, 14. Sittings in Church—Free, 120.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Communion alms, $22.70; current expenses, $81.82; other Parochial expenses, viz: new roof, $41; wood, $7.50; new sidewalk, $10. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $5; Diocesan missions, $5; Episcopate fund, $5. Total for all objects, $178.02.

Value of Church building, $800; other Parish property, $150. Total value of all Parish property, $950.

The Parish has raised this year more than $50 for repairs of the Church building. It is our intention to go on until the Church is painted. Altogether, notwithstanding a large number have removed from the city, those who remain work harmoniously and earnestly for the good of the Parish.

St. Paul's Parish, Fayetteville, Washington County.

Rev. Jas. J. Vaulx, Rector; residence, Fayetteville, Ark.; J. C. Purdy, Lay Reader; R. C. McCracken, Senior Warden, and J. W. Massengale, Junior Warden; George F. Blanchard, Clerk; J. H. McIlroy, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants, 17; adults, 2; total, 19; confirmations, 4; marriages, 2; burials, 14. Communicants—Present number, 197. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; pupils, 70; total, 76. Public Services—On Sunday, 168; on other days, 834; Holy Communion, 122. Sittings in Church—Free, 250.

Services are supported by weekly envelope system.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $200; Parochial expenses, viz: Rector's salary, current and incidental expenses, about $1,100. Diocesan—Other objects within the Diocese, viz: for the debt on the Church property at Dardanelle, $5.03. Missions—Foreign, $10; domestic, $20; Jews, $3; other objects without the Diocese, viz: Aged and Infirm Clergy fund, $8.31. Total for all objects, $1,376.84.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $2,500; value of Church building, $5,000; value of Rectory, $1,500; endowments or invested funds amount to $600. Total value of all Parish property, $9,600; total indebtedness of the Parish, none.

The baptisms include those at St. Stephen's Chapel, Winslow. The Communicants all, as far as known in Washington, Benton, and Madison counties. I must mention the debt of gratitude I owe to the Woman's Auxiliary for the assistance given me, through Emery, to-

wards getting a horse and buggy for my missionary work. I hope now to be able to work up and minister to the scattered sheep throughout the counties of Northwest Arkansas. Not having received the reports of the Secretary of the Vestry, I have to give only the proximate amount of money raised.

Good Shepherd Church, Forrest City, St. Francis County.

Rev. E. J. Williams, Officiating Clergyman; residence, Mammoth Spring, Ark.; John Gatling and C. L. Knight, Wardens; H. A. Knight, Clerk; Ellis Turley, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 90; number of families, 19; confirmations, 2; marriages, 1; number of confirmed persons, 35. Communicants—Received, 2; present number, 35. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; pupils, 30; total, 35. Public Services—On Sunday, 30; on other days, 5; Holy Communion, 12. Sittings in the Church—Free, 225.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Alms, $47.43. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $5.00; Diocesan missions, $3.91; Arkansas Church building fund, $3.60. Missions—Domestic, $4.57. Total for all objects, $64.51.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $500; value of Church building, $2,600. Total value of all Parish property, $3,100.

The state of the Parish is good. Owing to the change of Pastors the services have not been kept up regularly, but the Guild, Sunday School and choir retain their usual efficiency.

St. John's Church, Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

Rev. William Temple Allen, Rector; residence, Fort Smith; Mr. E. F. Furner and Mr. C. E. Byer, Lay Readers; James H. Hambleton and Robt. C. Hotson, Wardens; Edward F. Furner, Clerk; Andrew S. Dowd, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 394; number of families, 101. Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 3; total 14; confirmations, 14; marriages, 7; burials, 14; number of confirmed persons, 218. Communicants—Received, 17; died, 4; removed, 23; present number, 159. Sunday School—Teachers, 11; pupils, 100; total, 111. Public Services—On Sunday, 107; on other days, 76; Holy Communion, 52. Sittings in Church—Free, 250.

Services are supported by annual subscription and voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $128.91; current expenses, $1,380; other Parochial expenses, viz: for new Church, cash, $1,902.76; subscription for new Church available, $5,307.24. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $52; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $7; other objects within the Diocese, viz: flood sufferers, $25. Missions—Domestic, $5. Total for all objects, $8,897.91.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $5,000; value of Church building, $1,500; value of Rectory, $1,200; other Parish property,

$2,100; subscriptions and cash for new church, $7,300. Total value of all Parish property, $17,100.

The removal of the jurisdiction of the United States court from this place has caused the loss of many Church families by removal. This Parish has raised this year by subscription, $7,300 towards the superstructure of a new church edifice, the foundation having been laid eighteen months ago, at a cost of $2,300. The superstructure is now in progress of construction, to be completed sufficient for occupancy September 1, 1898. The whole church is of stone, the superstructure of Eureka Springs stone. Its seating capacity will be between 400 and 500 comfortably. The church is out of debt; the congregations good; the outlook better than ever before in the history of the Parish.

St. John's Church, Helena, Phillips County.

Rev. Charles H. Lockwood, B. D., Rector; residence, Helena, Ark.; S. S. Faulkner, C. H. Purvis, Lay Readers; Judge P. O. Thweatt and Hon. Greenfield Quarles, Wardens; Mr. S. S. Faulkner, Clerk and Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 391; number of families, 108. Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 6; total, 17; confirmations, 7; marriages, 8; burials, 8; number of confirmed persons, 256. Communicants—Admitted, 9; died, 3; removed, 5; present number, 237. Sunday School—Teachers, 13; pupils, 125; total, 138. Public Services—On Sunday, 115; on other days, 101; Holy Communion, 67.

Services are supported by annual subscription, by weekly envelope system, and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $3.35; current expenses, $1,993.90; other Parochial expenses, viz: Ladies Aid Society, $558.95; Easter, $107.52. Diocesan—Diocesan assessments, $50; Diocesan missions, $58.75; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $12.70; other objects within the Diocese, viz: Bishop's visit, $5; Jonesboro, $3.30; Brinkley, $20; Searcy, $20. Missions—Foreign, $10; domestic, $10; University of the South, $10.15; other objects without the Diocese, viz: General Clergy Relief Fund, $8.90. Total for all objects, $2,721.70.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $1,500; value of Church building, $28,000; value of Rectory, $5,000. Total value of all Parish property, $34,500.

St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, Garland County.

Rev. Wm. Cross, Rector; residence, Hot Springs; Richard B. Bancroft, Lay Reader; George G. Latta and Morris C. Tombler, Wardens; Harry R. Vaughan, Clerk; Chas. G. Convers, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 329; number of families, 80. Baptisms—Infants, 12; adults, 1; total, 13; confirmations, 5; marriages, 6; burials, 6; number of confirmed persons, 160. Communicants—Admitted, 1; received, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 140 (actual,

70). Sunday School—Teachers, 3; pupils, 30; total, 33. Public Services—On Sunday, 112; on other days, 62; Holy Communion, 59 (private, 15). Sittings in the Church—Free, 500.

Services are supported by annual subscription, by weekly envelope system, and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $35.67; current expenses, $1,406.56. Diocesan—Bishop's offering, $8.95. Total for all objects, $1,451.18.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $5,000; value of Church building, $15,000. Total value of all Parish property, $20,000. Total indebtedness of the Parish, $4,000.

St. Matthew's Church, Imboden, Lawrence County.

Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, Missionary; residence, Mammoth Spring, Ark.; Mrs. M. F. Sloan, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 3; number of families, 3; number of confirmed persons, 3. Communicants—Present number 3. Public Services—On Sunday, 20; on other days, 3; Holy Communion, 5.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Current expenses, Minister's salary, $74.10; other Parochial expenses, 50 cents. Total for all expenses, $74.60.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), lot, $100; endowments or invested funds amount to $30. Total value of all Parish property, $130.

We have two ready for confirmation and two or three who will shortly be baptized. From unlooked for reasons, we have had to abandon Sunday services. We find the attendance at services good, and interest fairly well sustained. We were interested as indirectly the result of work at this place of hearing of the baptism and confirmation in Tennessee of one of our old-time attendants at services.

St. Mark's Church, Jonesboro, Craighead County.

Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, Missionary Clergyman; residence, Mammoth Spring; F. Rawlins, Warden; D. P. Mann, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 20; number of families, 4. Baptisms—Infants, 2; burials, 1; number of confirmed persons, 13; removed 1; present number, 13. Public Services—On Sunday, 30; on other days, 5; Holy Communion, 10.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial alms, $30; current expenses, $10; Minister's salary, $195; traveling expenses, $45. Missions—Domestic, 71 cents. Total for all objects, $281.71.

The Guild is active; the ladies have done and are doing much towards procuring a lot for a church building, and have $155 on hand. Easter offering for lot in morning collection was $10.30, and evening, for general expenses, $2.50. Attendance improving.

Christ Church, Little Rock, Pulaski County.

Rev. John Gass, Rector; residence, Little Rock; Dr. W. A. Cantrell and Mr. Jno. W. Goodwin, Wardens; Gordon N. Peay, Clerk; H. K. Cochran, Treasurer.

Baptisms—Infants, 37; adults, 9; total, 46; confirmations, 38; marriages, 16; burials, 39; number of confirmed persons, 504. Communicants—Admitted, 41; received, 5; died, 10; removed, 15; present number, 480. Sunday School—Teachers, 30; pupils, 200; total, 230. Sittings in the Church—Free, 650.

Services are supported by endowment, pew rents, annual subscription, weekly envelope system, and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $240; current expenses, $4,200; payment of debts, $1,000; Ladies' Aid Society, $300; Daughters of the King, $250; St. Cecilia, $100. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $100; Diocesan missions, $70.90. Missions—General, $68.91; foreign, $17; domestic, $46.07. Total for all objects, $6,392.88.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $13,000; value of church building, $50,000; value of Rectory, $5,000; other Parish property, $1,000. Total value of all Parish property, $69,000. Total indebtedness of the Parish, $6,800.

All floating debts against the Parish have been paid. The bonded debt has been decreased $200, and the Ladies' Aid Society have taken out $1,000 stock in the Building and Loan Association that will be used as a sinking fund. The annual income of the Parish is now $800 more than the expenses. This has been the most fruitful year of my Rectorship of Christ Church Parish.

JOHN GASS.

St. Philip's Church, Little Rock, Pulaski County.

Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, Rector; residence, 1111 West Fourteenth street, Little Rock; Adolphus W. Cole and John A. Buchanan, Wardens; George G. Glass, Clerk; Adolphus W. Cole, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 44; number of families, 18. Baptisms—Adults, 1. (On account of smallpox anticipation we had no Easter services, therefore no baptisms, no confirmations on Easter, which is our usual day for such services.) Confirmations, 1; marriages, 3; burials, 3; number of confirmed persons, 44. Communicants—Received, 1; present number, 44. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; pupils, 90; total, 97. Public Services—On Sunday, 86; on other days, 50; Holy Communion, 22. Sittings in the Church—Free, 250.

Services are supported by endowment and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Communion alms, $5.18; current expenses, $20; a stained glass window from Chicago, at a cost of $45, part already paid, $13.90. Total, $39.08. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $2.50; Diocesan missions, $1.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $1,500; value of Church building, $1,000; value of Rectory, $500. Total value of all Parish property, $3,000.

Of course we have a small following, but this fact should not discourage us, and *will not* when we remember the many misleading ideas to which the negro has been subjected by the erroneous and miserable style of worship among the Methodists and Baptists, who have played such a large part in his religious instructions, so when the Church offers him her "*cool, deliberate, reasonable* and *Holy services*," and tells him to "worship the Lord in the *beauty of Holiness*," *he* tells *her* that this style is too *dry*, and away he goes in search of excitement and sensation. We are greatly in need of Parish schools and *good Churchmen* and women to conduct them under the directions of the Parish Priest. Our work would then have a very strong influence over the people.

I. P. DANIELS.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Pulaski County.

Rev. Douglas Irvine Hobbs, Rector; residence, 1613 Spring street, Little Rock, Ark.; P. K. Roots, Lay Reader; P. K. Roots and A. F. Adams, Wardens; C. H. Kennedy, Clerk; Thomas Yeakle, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 290; number of families, 61. Baptisms—Infants, 7; adults, 6; total, 13. Confirmations, 13; marriages, 3; burials, 3; number of confirmed persons, 106. Communicants—Admitted, 13; died, 2; removed, 10; present number, 106. Sunday School—Teachers, 9; pupils, 93; total, 102. Public Services—On Sunday, 139; on other days, 101; Holy Communion, 75. Sittings in Church—Free, 500.

Services are supported by weekly envelope system and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $33.25; current expenses, $2,500. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $30; Diocesan missions, $8.10; Episcopal fund, $25; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $8.86; Logan H. Roots Memorial Hospital, $46. American Church Building Fund, $8.10. Total for all objects, $2,659.31.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $6,000; value of Church building, $10,000; value of Rectory, $2,500. Total value of all Parish property, $18,500.

During the year St. Stephen's Chapel has paid its own way. I have not been able to give personal attention to this work, but under the faithful care of Mr. J. Huntley, some good work has been done, and it is hoped this may be organized into a Diocesan Mission within a short time.

D. I. HOBBS.

St. Andrew's Church, Marianna, Lee County.

Vacant. D. S. Clark, Lay Reader; Jas. P. Dunham and Dudley S. Clark, Wardens; John M. Daggett, Clerk; Wm. G. Barnes, Treasurer.

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Number of registered Parishioners, 84; number of families, 21. Baptisms—Infants, 1; confirmations, 1; marriages, 2; number of confirmed persons, 52. Communicants—Admitted, 1; removed, 4; present number, 48. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; pupils, 48; total, 52. Public Services—On Sunday, 70; on other days, 25; Holy Communion, 12. Sittings in the Church—Free, 120.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $31.61; current expenses, $178.30; payment of debts, $275.43; other Parochial expenses, $37.35. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $5; Diocesan missions, $22.95. Missions—Domestic, S. S. Easter, Langford Memorial, $8.65. Total for all objects, $559.29.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $500; value of Church building, $2,500; value of Rectory, $1,000. Total value of all Parish property, $4,000. Total indebtedness of the Parish, $924.57.

Rev. Ed L. Ogilby resigned in June, 1897, and Parish was vacant till September 1, when Rev. James Noble accepted call. He continued Rector only four months. Regular services Sunday morning and semi-weekly during Lent were conducted by the Lay Reader, and during the vacancies Rev. C. H. Lockwood has held weekday services, with an occasional service on Sunday nights, averaging twice a month. Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, Rev. I. Trout, of Mississippi, and the Bishop have each held services once this year.

St. Agnes's Church, Morrilton, Conway County.

W. M. Scarborough and W. E. De Long, Wardens; W. H. Ashley, Clerk; W. E. De Long, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 14; number of families, 9. Baptisms—Infants, 6; adults, 2; total, 8; confirmations, 3; number of confirmed persons, 32. Communicants—Admitted, 3; present number, 32. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; pupils, 35; total, 41: Public Services—On other days, 6; Holy Communion, 2. Sittings in the Church—Free, 100.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $500; value of Church building, $2,200; value of Rectory, $300. Total value of all Parish property, $3,000.

Church of the Redeemer, Nashville, Howard County.

Rev. A. W. Pierce, Missionary; residence, 1700 Center street, Little Rock, Ark.; F. W. Lee, Lay Reader; F. W. Lee and Wm. Rodgers, Wardens; F. W. Lee, Clerk and Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 17; number of families, 6. Baptisms—Infants, 1; adults, 1; total, 2; number of confirmed persons, 9. Communicants—Received, 2; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 9. Public Services—On Sunday, 2; on other days, 24; Holy Communion, 12. Sittings in the Church—Free, 100

Services are supported by endowment, annual subscription, and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Current expenses, $38; other Parochial expenses, $9. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $7. Total for all objects, $54.

Value of Church building, $900. Total value of all Parish property, $900.

St. Paul's Church, Newport, Jackson County.

Lancelot Minor and Gustave Jones, Wardens; Thad D. Kinman, Jr., Treasurer.

Number of families, 31; number of confirmed persons, 57. Communicants—Present number, 57. Sittings in the Church—Free, 100.

Services are supported by annual subscription.

Offerings. Parochial alms, $12; current expenses, $360; Sexton's fee, $50.38; miscellaneous, $15.50; Sunday School, $11.78. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $12; Diocesan missions, $5; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $5; Little Rock Convocation, $5. Missions—Domestic, $12. Total for all objects, $488.66.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $250; value of Church building, $500; value of Rectory, $300. Total value of all Parish property, $1,050.

The Parish is without a Rector. If it had a resident Rector possibly $500 to $600 might be raised to pay him.

JNO. F. FLYNN,
Secretary of the Vestry.

Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

Rev. G. Gordon Smeade, M. A., Rector; residence, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Mr. Day Mills, Lay Reader; Day Mills and Robert E. Lee, Wardens; J. H. Mann, Clerk; Frank M. Roane, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 235; number of families, 97. Baptism—Infants, 4; adults, 4; total, 8; confirmations, 12; marriages, 6; burials, 7; number of confirmed persons, 135. Communicants—Admitted, 12; received, 2; died, 2; removed, 10; present number, 221. Sunday School—Teachers, 10; pupils, 100; total, 110. Public Services—On Sunday, 95; on other days, 55; Holy Communion, 25. Sittings in the Church—Free, 450.

Services are supported by annual subscription.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $78.91; current expenses, $1,756.72; improvement of Church, $2,059.65; Trinity Church Association, $294.85; Young Ladies' Guild, $260; Daughters of the King, $35; Sunday School, $84. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $31.50; Diocesan missions, $63.25; offering at the Bishop's visitation, $10.30; other objects in Diocese, $25. Missions—Foreign, $12.50; domestic, $12.50; Church at Pulaski City, Virginia, $25. Total for all objects, $4,749.18.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $1,000; value of Church building, $14,000; value of Rectory, $2,500; other Parish property, $1,000. Total value of all Parish property, $18,500.

St. Mary's Mission, Rocky Comfort, Little River County.

Rev. A. W. Pierce, Missionary; residence, 1700 Center street, Little Rock, Ark.

Number of registered Parishioners, 40; number of families, 18. Baptisms—Infants, 1; marriages, 1; number of confirmed persons, 35. Communicants—Present number, 26. Public Services—On Sunday, 22; on other days, 1; Holy Communion, 12.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Current expenses, $158.80.

Trinity Church, Van Buren, Crawford County.

Rev. G. W. Flowers, Rector; residence, Van Buren, Ark.: Sidney Austin Pernot and Henry Faber, Wardens; Sidney Austin Pernot, Clerk; George Miller, Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 176; number of families, 33. Baptisms—Infants, 4; adults, 2; total, 6; confirmations, 2; marriages, 3; burials, 5; number of confirmed persons, 114. Communicants—Admitted, 3; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, 114. Sunday School—Teachers, 6; pupils, 64; total, 70. Public Services—On Sunday, 174; on other days, 72; Holy Communion, 78. Sittings in the Church—Free, 250.

Services are supported by weekly envelope system and by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $34.15; current expenses, $652.20; payment of debts, $100; Christmas and Easter trimming, $2; Easter choir expense, $10. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $10. Missions—General, $19.70; Indian, $2.16; Jews, 85 cents; amount reported by Daughters of the King, $5.50. Total for all objects, $1,381.06.

Value of all Parish land (exclusive of buildings), $1,275; value of Church building, $2,000; value of Rectory, $600. Total value of all Parish property, $3,875. Total indebtedness of the Parish, $160.

The Treasurer of the Sunday School fund reports receipts for the year, $24.68; expenses, $19.

The Parish Guild reports receipts for the year from all sources, $125.92; expenses, $17.75. Paid on Rectory lot, $100. The Guild has twenty-two members.

The Bishop Pierce Chapter Daughters of the King, eight members, reports fifty patients in the Home and Hospital; food, clothing and fuel provided for thirty persons outside of the institution, making a total of eighty persons cared for. Receipts for the year, in money, $550; expenses, $555.60. Due the Home and Hospital by paid patients, $93. This institution promises soon to be self-supporting. There have been but two deaths in the hospital during the year.

Grace Church, Washington, Hempstead County.

Rev. A. W. Pierce, Missionary; residence, 1700 Center street, Little Rock, Ark.; Wm. Eakin, Lay Reader; Wm. Eakin, Warden; Carl Van Jagersfeld, Clerk and Treasurer.

Number of registered Parishioners, 28; number of families, 9. Baptisms—Infants, 2; number of confirmed persons, 17. Communicants—present number, 13. Public Services—On Sunday, 24; Holy Communion, 13. Sittings in the Church—Free, 160.

Services are supported by annual subscriptions and voluntary contfibutions.

Offerings. Parochial—Current expenses, $113. Diocesan—Diocesan assessment, $7; Diocesan missions, $5.61. Missions—General, $6; Cuban relief, $2.50. Total for all objects, $134.11.

Value of Church building, $1,000. Total value of all Parish property, $1,000.

St. Thomas Mission, Wynne, Cross County.

Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, Officiating Clergyman (temporarily); residence, Mammoth Spring, Ark.

Number of registered Parishioners, 11; number of families, 2; number of confirmed persons, 8. Communicants—Received, 3; removed 2; present number, 8. Public Services—On Sunday, 1; on other days, 4; Holy Communion, 2.

Services are supported by voluntary contributions.

Offerings. Parochial—Communion alms, $1.87; current expenses, $3.20; payment of debts, $1. Missions—Domestic, $1.26. Total for all objects, $7.33.

Owing to the unfortunate and frequent changes of Pastors at Marianna and Forrest City, to which this Mission belongs, this part of the field has suffered from much neglect, but it is believed that in the near future there will be an evidence of increased work and earnestness. People who are not of our communion are friendly and willing to help, but owing to the transitory character of the population and irregularity of the Ministers' visits effective work is hindered.

APPENDIX IX.

TABULATED PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	Lay Readers.	Number of Registered Parishioners.	Number of Families.	Baptisms—Infants.	Baptisms—Adults.	Total.	Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	Number of Confirmed Persons.	Communicants Admitted.	Communicants Received.	Communicants Died.	Communicants Removed.	Communicants Present Number.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils.	Total.	Public Services on Sunday.	Public Services on Other Days.	Holy Communion.	Sittings in the Church—Number.	Free, Assigned, Rented.*	Services are Supported by.†
Batesville	1	80	....	1	....	1	....	....	3	76	....	1	....	2	76	6	60	66	42	41	10	200	a	fgh
Brinkley	1	49	12	2	....	2	....	....	....	24	....	....	....	....	23	4	....	4	33	16	10	....	....	....
Camden	1	74	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	....	....	....	....	48	6	32	38	....	....	....	180	....	fh
Eureka Springs	1	32	16	1	1	2	....	1	3	32	....	4	....	12	32	....	....	....	60	23	14	120	a	h
Fayetteville	....	....	....	17	2	19	4	2	14	....	....	....	....	....	197	6	70	76	168	834	125	250	a	g
Forrest City	....	90	19	....	....	....	2	1	....	65	....	2	....	....	35	....	....	....	30	5	12	225	a	h
Fort Smith	2	394	101	11	3	14	14	7	14	218	14	3	4	23	159	11	100	111	107	76	52	250	a	fh
Helena	2	391	108	11	6	17	7	8	8	256	9	..	3	5	237	13	125	138	115	101	67	....	....	fgh
Hope	1	....	17	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	....	....	....	....	31	5	30	35	....	....	....	150	a	....
Hot Springs	1	329	80	12	1	13	5	6	6	160	5	1	1	1	140	3	30	33	112	62	59	500	a	fgh
Imboden	....	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	20	3	5	....	....	....
Jonesboro	....	90	4	2	....	2	....	....	1	13	....	....	....	1	13	....	....	....	30	5	10	....	....	....
Lake Village	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Little Rock, Christ Church	....	....	....	37	9	46	38	16	39	504	41	5	10	15	480	30	200	230	....	....	....	650	a-c	eh
Little Lock, Trinity Cathedral	1	290	61	7	6	13	13	3	3	106	13	..	2	10	106	9	93	102	139	101	75	500	a	fh
Little Rock, St. Philip's	....	44	10	1	....	1	1	3	3	44	....	1	....	....	44	7	90	97	86	50	22	250	a	h
Mammoth Spring	....	28	10	....	....	....	....	....	..	22	....	....	....	....	22	4	25	29	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marianna	1	84	21	1	....	1	1	1	2	52	1	....	....	4	48	4	48	52	70	75	12	120	a	fh
Morrilton	....	14	9	6	2	8	3	....	..	32	3	....	....	....	32	6	35	41	....	6	2	100	a	h
Monticello	....	13	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Nashville	1	17	6	1	1	2	....	....	..	9	....	2	1	1	9	....	....	....	2	24	12	100	a	fh
Newport	....	....	31	....	....	....	....	....	....	57	....	....	....	....	57	....	....	....	....	....	....	100	a	f
Pine Bluff	1	235	97	4	4	8	12	6	7	235	12	2	2	10	221	10	100	110	95	55	25	450	a	f
Rocky Comfort	....	40	18	1	....	1	....	1	..	35	....	....	....	....	26	....	....	....	22	1	12	....	..	fh
Van Buren	....	176	33	4	2	6	2	3	5	114	3	....	1	5	114	6	64	70	174	72	78	250	a	gh
Washington	1	28	9	....	....	2	....	....	....	17	....	....	....	....	13	....	....	....	24	....	13	160	a	fh
Wynne	....	11	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	2	8	....	....	....	1	4	2	....	....	....
	15	2442	707	121	37	158	102	56	108	2167	87	24	24	91	2186	130	1102	1232	1330	1502	617	4555		

* (a) Free, (b) Assigned, (c) Rented. † (d) Endowment, (e) Pew Rents, (f) Annual Subscription, (g) Weekly Envelope System, (h) Voluntary Contributions.

APPENDIX IX.

TABULATED PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—*Continued.*

	Parochial—Communion Alms.	Parochial—Current Expenses.	Parochial—Payment of Debts.	Other Parochial Expenses.	Diocesan—Diocesan Assessment.	Diocesan—Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan—Episcopate Fund.	Diocesan—Aged and Infirm Clergy.	Diocesan—Ark. Church Building Fund.	Other Objects Within the Diocese.	Missions—General.	Missions—Foreign.	Missions—Domestic.	Missions—Jews.	Missions—University of the South.	Other Objects Without the Diocese.	Total for all Objects.
Batesville	$ 10 00	$ 490 00	$	$	$ 15 10	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$ 525 00
Camden	.....	700 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	710 00
Eureka Springs	22 70	81 82	.....	58 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178 02
Fayetteville	200 00	1,100 00	.....	.....	30 50	.....	.....	.....	5 03	.....	.....	10 00	20 00	3 00	.....	8 31	1,376 84
Forrest City	47 43	.....	.....	.....	5 00	3 91	3 60	.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....	4 57	.....	.....	.....	68 11
Fort Smith	128 91	1,380 00	.....	.....	52 00	.....	.....	7 00	12 71	25 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1,610 62
Helena	3 35	1,993 90	.....	666 47	50 00	58 75	.....	12 70	5 00	70 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	10 15	8 90	2,809 22
Hot Springs	35 67	1,406 56	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	28 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,451 18
Imboden	.....	74 10	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 60
Jonesboro	30 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	280 71
Brinkley	22 25	150 00	84 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....	261 30
Little Rock, Christ Ch	240 00	4,200 00	1,000 00	650 00	100 00	70 90	.....	.....	27 20	.....	68 91	17 00	46 07	.....	.....	.....	6,420 08
Little Rock, Tr'y Cath'd.	33 25	2,500 00	.....	.....	30 00	8 10	25 00	8 86	8 10	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 10	.....	2,667 41
Little Rock, St. Philip's	5 18	20 00	.....	13 90	250 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 58
Marianna	31 61	178 30	275 43	37 35	5 00	22 95	.....	.....	3 15	.....	.....	.....	8 65	.....	.....	.....	362 44
Nashville	.....	38 00	.....	9 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 00
Newport	12 00	360 00	.....	77 66	12 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	488 66
Pine Bluff	78 91	1,756 72	.....	2,733 50	31 50	63 25	.....	.....	10 30	25 00	.....	12 50	12 50	.....	.....	25 00	4,749 18
Van Buren	34 15	652 20	100 00	12 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 40	550 00	19 70	.....	.....	85	.....	2 16	1,382 46
Washington	.....	113 00	.....	.....	7 00	5 61	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	134 11
Wynne	1 87	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 26	.....	.....	.....	7 33
Rocky Comfort	.....	158 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	158 80
	$ 937 28	$17,607 60	$1,459 93	$ 4,258 88	$ 377 50	$ 246 37	$33 60	$33 56	$85 44	$ 724 00	$94 61	$54 50	$ 128 31	$ 3 85	$18 25	$46 87	$ 26,110 65

APPENDIX IX.

TABULATED PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—*Concluded.*

	Parish Property—Value of all Parish Lands Exclusive of Buildings.	Value of Church Building.	Value of Rectory.	Other Parish Property.	Endowments or Invested Funds Amount to.	Total Value of all Parish Property.	Total Indebtedness of the Parish.
Batesville	$ 500	$ 1,500	$ 200	$	$	$ 22,000	$
Brinkley	150	600			50	800	19 50
Camden	500	2,500	600	30		3,630	
Eureka Springs		800		150		950	
Fayetteville	2,500	5,000	1,500	600		9,600	
Forrest City	500	2,600				3,100	
Fort Smith	5,000	1,500	1,200	2,100	7,300	17,100	
Helena	1,500	28,000	5,000			34,500	
Hope	100	750				850	
Hot Springs	5,000	15,000				20,000	4,000 00
Little Rock, Christ Church	13,000	50,000	5,000	1,000		69,000	6,800 00
Little Rock, Trinity Cathedral	6,900	10,000	2,500			18,500	
Little Rock, St. Philip's	1,500	1,000	500			3,000	
Mammoth Spring	400	1,000	1,000			2,400	140 00
Marianna	500	2,500	1,600			4,600	924 57
Morrilton	500	2,200	300			3,000	
Nashville		900				900	
Newport	250	500	300			1,050	
Pine Bluff	1,000	14,000	2,500	1,000		18,500	
Van Buren	1,275	2,000	600			3,875	160 00
Washington		1,000				1,000	
Imboden	100				30	130	
	$ 40,275	$143,350	$ 22,800	$4,880	$ 7,380	$218,685	$12,044 07

APPENDIX X.

THE CONSTITUTIONS

AND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

Diocese of Arkansas.

APPENDED TO THE JOURNAL BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL.

1898.

CONSTITUTIONS

PREAMBLE.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas conforms to the Constitutions and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as set forth by the General Convention of the same, to which Constitutions and Canons this Diocese hereby accedes, and subordinates herself, according to the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY.

There are three orders of the Clergy:

1. The Bishop, who exercises all the functions of the Ministry, presides over the Church by Apostolic Authority, and has the sole right to ordain, to confirm and to pronounce judicial sentence on offenders; and governs the Church in this Diocese according to the Holy Scriptures and the Canons of this Church.

2. The Priests, or Presbyters, who preach the Word, administer the sacraments of the Church and have the oversight and pastoral care of the Laity in their several Congregations. They also have the right to advise their Bishop and to share in the government of the Church, according to the Canons.

3. The Deacons, who, having received limited office in the general Ministry, serve in the same where they may be appointed by the Bishop. They are subject to the orders of the Bishop, cannot take the Rectorship of a Church and must be under the care and supervision of some Priest who shall direct them in their work.

4. The Laity are divided and organized, according to local convenience, into Parishes or Congregations. They commit the general management of their Parochial business to a portion of their own number, annually elected, and called Wardens and Vestrymen. To these belong the administration of all the secular concern of their particular Parish; but they have no part in the spiritual government of the Church, which belongs to the Clergy alone.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE COUNCIL.

There shall be a Council of the Diocese annually, at such time and place as the Council may, from time to time, determine; and, in case of its failure to do so, the Bishop shall appoint the time and place. In the Council, the Bishop shall preside by virtue of his office. The Clergy shall sit by right of their order, and the Laity shall be represented by delegates chosen by the Vestry for that purpose from among the male communicants of each Congregation, or in case of organized Missions, to be appointed by the Minister in charge.

The Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese shall *ex officio* be entitled to seats in the Council, with privilege of debate, but shall have no vote as such.

Special Councils may be called by the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee, when some urgent necessity may require action by the Diocese.

Without the concurrence of the Clergy and the Laity, no rule of law of the Church can be adopted, changed or done away.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS.

See Amendment Article 3, page 29, Proceedings 1895, as follows:

"In the Diocese of Arkansas, all Parishes, Missions and Congregations shall be organized in conformity with the Canon relating thereto, and no Parish shall have an organic existence or corporate life in said Diocese unless acknowledged by the Council and approved by the Bishop."

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE SUPPORT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHURCH.

The Council, by Canon or resolution, may establish special funds:

1. For the support of the Episcopate.
2. For the support of Missionaries.

3. For the support of aged and infirm Clergymen.
4. For Church building.
5. For education of men for the Ministry; and take all other measures necessary for the advancement of Christ's kingdom; *Provided*, that this article does not imply any power to make any assessment except for the necessary expenses of the Diocese, *"which shall include all current expenses, and proper provision for the Episcopate Fund."

ARTICLE V.

OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

The Clergy, Priests and Deacons may be tried by an ecclesiastical court, composed of Presbyters chosen for that purpose. But there shall be no such trial, except on due presentment, and according to the Canon for the trial of Clergymen set forth in this Diocese, and the rules of ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE TENURE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Rectors, Wardens and Vestry, or other persons in whose names the property of any Congregation or Parish may be vested, shall not, by deed or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee, under their hands given, grant, alienate or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of said Congregation or Parish, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatever.

ARTICLE VII.

OF THE CATHEDRAL.

The Parish known as Trinity Cathedral Parish, of Little Rock, shall be and remain the Cathedral Parish (Session, 1898).

ARTICLE VIII.

OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

A proposal to amend this Constitution must be laid before the Council in writing, and, if approved, shall lie over until the next Annual Council, and in the meantime, shall be notified to the Parishes; and then, if it be approved by the Bishop, and by two-thirds of the Clergy, and by two-thirds of the Laity present, voting by orders, the proposed amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

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*Amended by the Sixteenth Annual Council by adding the words in quotation marks. Confirmed by action of the Seventeenth Annual Council.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Secretary make out and cause to be printed in the Journal of this Council, immediately after the list of Clergy, a list of the Parishes and Missions in this Diocese.—1878, page 22.

2. That there be reported in the Parochial Reports, in addition to the report of the gross number of communicants, the number actually communicating in the twelve months preceding Epiphany; said number of actual communicants to be only for information of the Council, and not to be entered on the Journal.—1879, page 16.

3. That the name of the mover of any resolution be always annexed to the same.—1881, page 12.

4. That the two schools (University of the South and Columbia Female College) be recommended to the Diocese as worthy of patronage in the education of the sons and daughters of the Church.—1882, page 14.

5. That each Parish may, at its option, pay its assessment in quarterly installments.—1887, page 28.

6. That the Diocesan Council strongly recommend that an offering be taken annually in every Parish and Mission of the Diocese for the purposes and at the dates named.

7. That the Secretary be instructed to send one month before the meeting of the Council to each Parish in union with the Diocese, and to all Mission Stations, a form of Parochial Report, with request that they report to the Bishop five (5) days before the meeting of the Council.—1888, page 17.

8. That the necessary expenses of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, in attending the regular meetings, be paid by the Treasurer of the Diocese, on the certificate of the Secretary of the Committee.—1889, page 17.

9. That the Treasurer of each of the funds be, and is hereby requested to send to the Wardens of the Parishes a fortnight's notice of each special offering recommended by the council.—1891, page 19.

10. That the members of the Council, in addressing the presiding officer, shall address him as "Mr. President," and that his title be given him in the Journal of the Proceedings.—1891, page 28.

11. That the various Parishes and Missions be requested to take a contribution annually, to be paid to the Bishop, for this purpose (extinguishing the debt on St. Paul's Church property at Darlanelle) now reduced to $100 until the debt is extinguished.—1895, page 28.

On Advent Sunday, for the University of the South.

On first Sunday in Lent and on Trinity Sunday, for Diocesan Missions.

On Septuagesima Sunday or on Easter Day, for the Episcopate Fund.

On Thanksgiving Day, for Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese.—1888, page 13.

Notice.

The form of Parochial Reports will be mailed to Rectors and Wardens under provisions of the Canon.

It is specially requested that they be carefully compiled and sent in promptly, so that they may be tabulated for the Committee on State of the Church on the first day of the Council.

JOHN M. DAGGETT,
Secretary.

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